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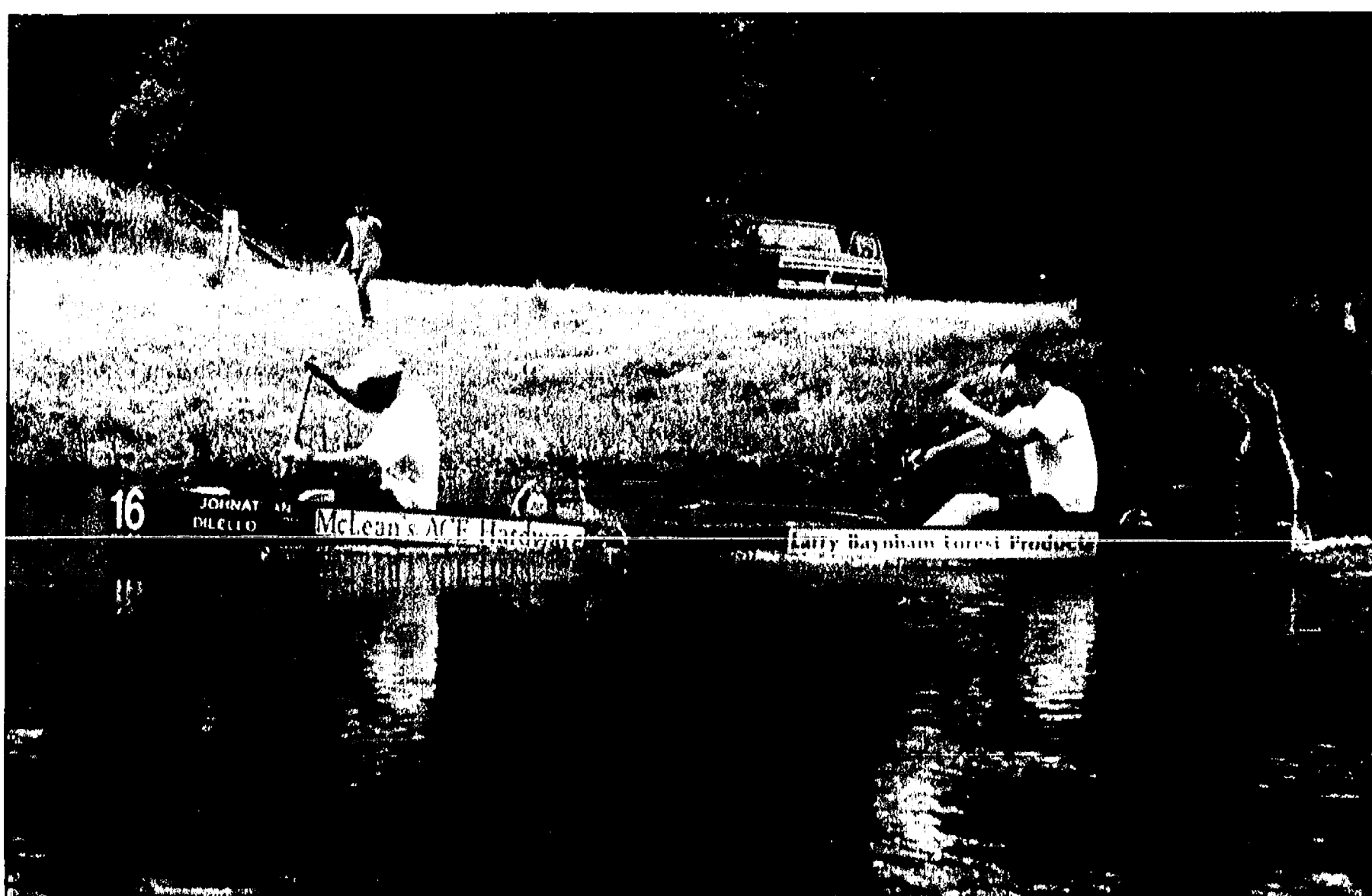
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The Marathon's famous frenzied LeMans-style running start by the two-person teams with their canoes to the river kicks off a race of fourteen to nineteen hours and 120 miles non-stop through the night from Grayling to Oscoda. At the sound of the starter's pistol at 9 p.m. Saturday night, July 27, more than 50 two-person teams will run with their canoes several blocks through the streets of Grayling to the AuSable River in front of Ray's Canoeing, beginning North America's toughest, richest canoe race.

Excitement is at a fevered pitch
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KOLKA, CORBIN WIN SPIKE'S CHALLENGE RACE



Jeff Kolka and Serge Corbin cross the finish line of the Spike's Challenge C-2 canoe race at McMasters Bridge on Sunday, July 21. Kolka and Corbin, defending AuSable River Canoe Marathon champions, won the event with a time of 2:39:27. For more on the 2002 Spike's Challenge races, see Page 1B.

Photo by Caleb Casey

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Bridges to close during Marathon

In cooperation with the Crawford County Road Commission and the Crawford County Sheriff's Department, Stephan Bridge, Wakeley Bridge, and McMasters Bridge will be closed to vehicle traffic during the 2002 AuSable River Canoe Marathon.

The marathon starts at 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 27, and runs all through Friday night and Saturday morning.

The three bridges will be re-opened at the discretion of the Sheriff's Department.

Still time to file as a write-in

► Five county commissioners face no opposition in August 6 primary

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

With many local candidates running unopposed in this year's August 6 primary, some people may be thinking they would like to challenge an incumbent.

While it is too late to make changes to the ballot with the addition of new candidates, it is not too late to file as a write-in candidate.

Deadline to file as a write-in candidate is Friday, August 2 at 4 p.m. Call Crawford County Clerk Sandra Moore at 344-3200 for all the details.

Many write-in candidates make a mad dash to get out and campaign just days before the election and many prepare stickers for voters to use to keep time in the booth to a minimum. All candidates must follow the rules of keeping at least 50 feet away from the entrance of any polling place while campaigning.

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Police nab teens after months long crime spree

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

An alert citizen is responsible for bringing a crime spree to an end that law enforcement officials believe may have started as far back as April and touched neighborhoods in Grayling Township and within the city limits.

Crawford County Undersheriff Shawn Kraycs said two local teens have been arrested and arraigned on charges of misdemeanor larceny from vehicles. Casey Nelson Darling, age 17, is being charged as an adult and his 16-year old friend is being charged as a juvenile.

Deputy Randy Baerlocher, who is working on the case, said at least \$4,000 in music CDs have been recovered from Darling's home. The pair also allegedly ransacked dozens of unlocked vehicles and stole prescription medications, flashlights, knives, tools, about \$50 in cash, jewelry, perfume, and illegal drug paraphernalia.

Undersheriff Kraycs said the teens were arrested by Michigan State Police Troopers after being spotted by a man leaving his home at about 2 a.m. on July 18 to take his wife to the hospital. He called 911 Central Dispatch to report two suspicious individuals wearing black nylons over their faces and carrying backpacks in a neighbor's yard in the Karen Woods subdivision.



Photo by Cheryll Ruley

Crawford County Deputy Randy Baerlocher and Undersheriff Shawn Kraycs display a representation of items taken in over 50 vehicle larcenies all in Grayling Township and the city of Grayling. Two teens have been arrested and charged.

sion.

The troopers were assisted by Grayling City Police officers.

"We really have to give credit to all three law enforcement agencies for these arrests," Baerlocher said. "Without cooperation from everyone, this crime spree may have

continued for quite sometime."

Both Grayling Police Chief Karl Schreiner and Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield urge everyone to lock their vehicles no matter where they are parked. Most of the larcenies took place in the car owners' driveways. They also urge

everyone to be the "eyes and ears" for their neighborhoods and be alert when they hear dogs barking or see anything they believe is suspicious activity.

Undersheriff Kraycs said more charges are pending against the teens.

West Nile virus has moved north

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Residents and tourists in northern lower Michigan are being asked to watch for signs of infected birds after the discovery in Mio of a crow carrying the West Nile virus. A blue jay was also discovered recently in Muskegon, dead from the same disease.

When infected with the virus, birds will begin to behave oddly -- staggering and/or flopping around on the ground and then dying. The District Health Department attempts to track the virus by collecting dead birds and testing them.

The virus is spread by mosquitoes and can be transmitted to humans and animals. While rare, severe cases of West Nile virus infection in humans interferes with the function of the central nervous system and causes inflammation of brain tissue.

A National Center for Disease Control study states less than one percent of humans bitten by infected mosquitoes will become severely ill.

No evidence has been found that humans can contract the disease through physical contact with an infected bird, dead or alive.

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Lake-mapping continues on Margrethe

► Property owners association to collect more info on milfoil presence

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association (LMPOA) is following up its recent plant life survey of Lake Margrethe with another lake-mapping project in an effort to get a closer estimate of volume and location of Eurasian Watermilfoil within the lake.

Eurasian Watermilfoil (milfoil) is a species of plant not native to the United States that takes off fairly quickly in a new environment. The plant, which is spread from lake to lake primarily by boats and boat trailers, can grow into thick mats that overwhelm other plants and cause problems for swimmers, fishermen, and watercraft users.

On June 26, about 20 LMPOA members did a preliminary lake-mapping project on Margrethe to help determine where the milfoil is, and in what approximate concentration.

"Sample collect was very well-organized and sampling went quickly, taking about seven hours to complete the entire lake with 50-plus transects and 150-plus sampling depths," noted Howard Wandell of the Michigan State University Department of Fisheries and Wildlife in a recent report on the June 26 Lake Margrethe project. (Wandell conducted a plant identification information session with LMPOA on June 25 and helped with the June 26 sampling effort.)

"Overall the rooted aquatic plants in Lake Margrethe are sparse. Most of the one-foot sampling sites had no plants or limited amounts of stonewort, a desirable plant species," the report states. "Eurasian milfoil was found in limited amounts in the lake, primarily in the southern end near the military camp. It was also found in very small areas in a few other locations. This would suggest that Eurasian milfoil is in the early stages of infestation, and appears to have entered the lake at southern access sites."

LMPOA is now working with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on an ongoing lake-mapping project that will help determine the

Local classroom to help with Lake Margrethe effort

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association (LMPOA) will have some help from a local classroom during the upcoming school year in the association's Eurasian Watermilfoil control effort.

Joe Porter of LMPOA said Chris Burrell's class from Grayling Middle School, with the support of GMS Principal Doniel Pummell, will be helping the association with Lake Margrethe as a class project.

"We're looking forward to working with them," Porter said.

amount of milfoil in the lake. The project will involve the use of global positioning systems to plot exact coordinates of milfoil colony locations.

"This will help give us a better understanding of what we have to do," said Joe Porter of LMPOA.

LMPOA has not committed to one specific milfoil control method yet, but it is leaning toward a couple measures that do not involve chemicals, Porter said.

One possibility is introduction of a special type of weevil that likes to eat the milfoil. Put into infested areas, the weevils – which cost about \$1 to \$1.25 each – keep mil-

foil under control by feasting on it.

Another possibility Porter mentioned is placement of mats over milfoil colonies, which helps control milfoil levels by cutting off its supply of sunlight.

There are several herbicides that can be used to combat milfoil presence in a lake. Spot treatments – using a chemical at only specific sites rather than spreading it through the entire body of water – are a possibility.

According to LMPOA, the association plans to make a decision this year and implement its initial milfoil control method in the spring of 2003.

Local grocer part of voluntary beef recall

► Estimated 19 million pounds of ground beef recalled as a precaution

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Before firing up that grill or starting a big pot of spaghetti sauce, consumers are being cautioned to check ground beef purchased recently due to a recall for suspected E.coli contamination.

According to a press release from Spartan Stores headquarters, Glen's Family Market in Grayling is one

of many grocery stores nationwide to take part in a voluntary recall of all ground beef products labeled under the name of ConAgra or Glen's Markets, with a sell by date of April 13 through July 12.

Spartan Stores officials state this recall is in connection with the recall announced July 20 by ConAgra Beef Company of Greeley, Colorado. Spartan purchased and distributed to its more than 330 independently owned stores beef products from ConAgra during this time period. All stores have been notified of the recall and have removed any remaining beef from the shelves.

The July 20 recall includes ground beef sold at all Spartan Stores and is an expansion of the June 30 ConAgra recall of fresh and frozen ground beef products. Testing of ConAgra ground beef products by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) indicated that E.coli 0157:H7 was present.

E.coli 0157:H7 is an organism that may cause serious illness in the very young, the elderly, pregnant

women and persons with weakened immune systems. Consumers can protect themselves from E.coli 0157:H7 by cooking ground beef and pork to 160 degrees internal temperature.

Spartan said it has received no confirmed reports of illness associated with the consumption of recalled products and urges anyone concerned about an illness to contact a physician immediately.

Other store labels involved in the recall include Ashcraft's, Family Fare, Food Town, Great Day, and Prevo's in Michigan and Ohio.

The recalled beef products include ground beef from sirloin, chuck and round as well as packages marked "ground beef" and "hamburger" with an April 13 through July 12 sell by date. All products involved in the recall should be returned for a full refund or replacement.

For more information on safe food handling, call 1-800-451-8500

or log on to: www.spartanstores.com or servinyoumore.com.

Still time to file as a write-in

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Locally, those running unopposed include the following County Commissioners: District #1 - Harold "Tike" Gohnick, District #2 - Scott Hanson, District #3 - Shelley Pinkelman and District #7 (formerly District #6) - Terry Beardslee. All of these commissioners are Republicans.

A new District #5 (which includes a part of Grayling Township that used to be in District #2) was created this year due to population growth and restructuring of districts within the county. Three candidates have shown interest in serving the new district, Dave Stephenson,

Loren Goodale and Jay Stephan. Stephenson and Goodale will face off for the Republican nomination on August 6.

The winner will face Stephan, who is running as an Independent, in November.

Only one citizen has filed for the seat being left open in the new District #6 (formerly covering some areas in District #5) by outgoing Democratic Commissioner Elizabeth Wieland, that is Rick Anderson who will appear on the Democratic primary ticket.

Any questions regarding redistricting may be directed to Moore at the telephone number above.

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Frederic millage designated to upgrade fire department

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

Voters in Frederic Township will be asked to vote on a one mill levy in the August 6 primary. The proposal, as it will appear on the ballot, is in the accompanying sidebar.

According to Fire Chief Doug Pratt the millage will be used to put an addition on the existing fire station and do some renovations to bring the building up to code, which is a mandate with any new construction. The proposed addition would consist of space for three offices and a 50' by 50' garage which would provide three new bays.

The fire station was built in 1983, and has five 40' bays for equipment. One of the bays has two vehicles, one of which is a small ambulance, in it. That bay has about three inches of clearance in the front. As you look at the trucks, the newer they are, the bigger they become and the newest truck has about half the clearance the oldest one does. Likewise, the newer ambulance is about 50 percent larger than the old one.

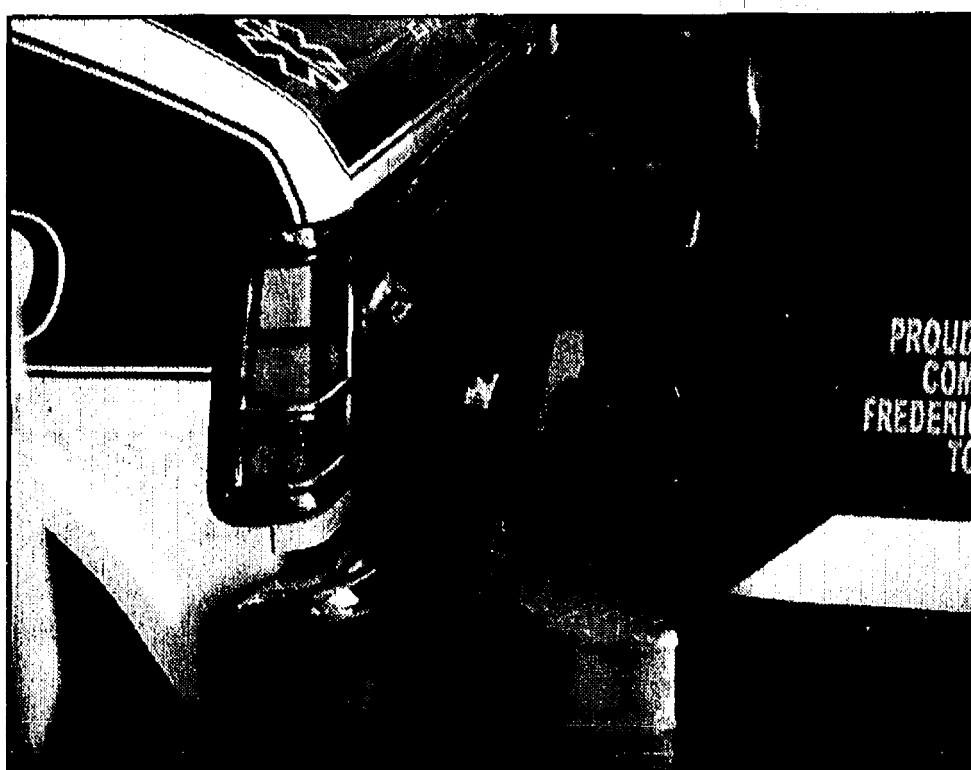
Pratt said the smaller ambulance, which was purchased in 1989, was selected because it fit into the available space. When this ambulance, which is nearing the end of its useful service, needs to be replaced there will be no place to store a bigger replacement. If the millage does not pass, it is highly probable that the township will have only one

Frederic Township Proposal

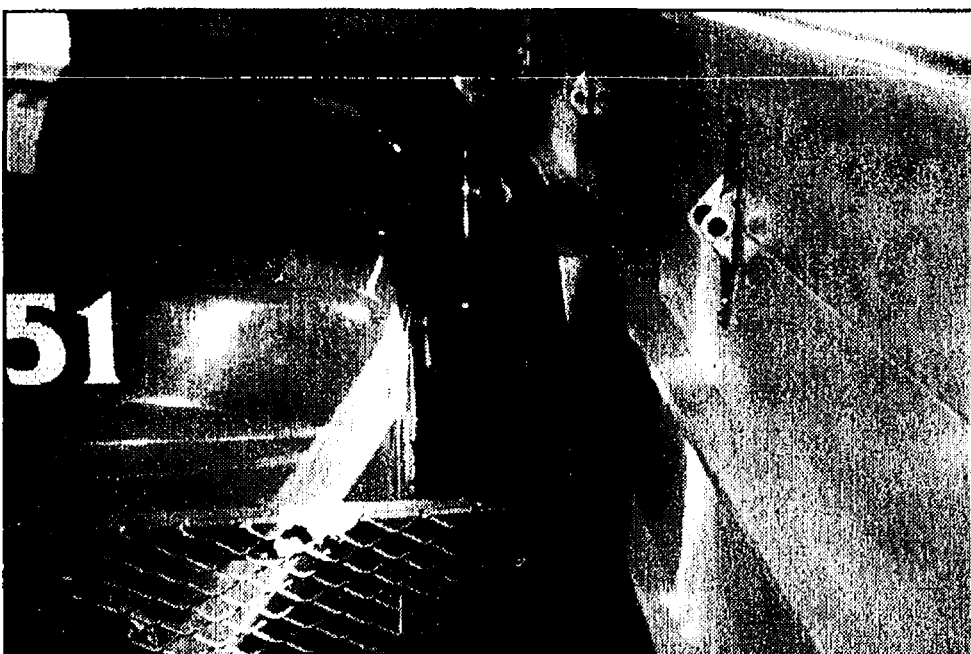
Shall the 15-mill tax limitation imposed under Article IV, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be levied by the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, against taxable property in the township be increased by one (1) mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of twelve (12) years, 2002 through 2013 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for building an addition and improvements on the Frederic Township Fire Station. If approved and levied in its entirety, it is estimated that the 1 mill would raise an estimated \$40,193 for the Township when first levied in 2002.

ambulance.

If the millage is passed, the effect will cost a property owner whose taxable value of \$30,000 (assessed value of \$60,000, for primary residences) the millage increase would cost \$30 a year. That amounts to \$2.50 per month, less than the cost of one fast food meal or car wash.



Because they have to be stored in the same bay at the fire station, both the brush truck and ambulance have very little clearance.



Construction begins on North Higgins Lake Drive

► Detours to be established during road reconstruction project

The Crawford County Road Commission began a reconstruction project on North Higgins Lake Drive this week. The project's completion date is listed at November 15, 2002.

The Crawford County Board of Road Commissioners - at the regular board meeting of July 18 - authorized the signing of contracts for both the grading and paving phases of construction.

The grading contract phase will be completed by the Crawford County Road Commission work force, similar to the re-alignment of the S-Curves on North Higgins Lake Drive that was completed in 2001. The Road Commission had applied for a grant through the MDOT safety program and has received \$200,000 to apply to the \$381,454 project. The balance of funding will come from the Primary Heavy Maintenance portion of the Crawford County Road Commission Budget.

The paving contract phase, which was let July 10, by MDOT, will be awarded to Rieth-Riley

Construction Inc. of Prudenville. Rieth-Riley was the successful low bidder for the paving phase with a bid of \$214,216.

The Road Commission is receiving \$100,000 from MDOT State Park Access Funds to apply toward the total cost of the paving phase. The balance will be provided from the Road Commission's Primary Road Heavy Maintenance Funds.

Construction will take place from the intersection of Oak Road, easterly 2.17 miles to a point approximately 1,200 feet east of the intersection of South Grayling Road. During construction a detour route will be provided to accommodate through traffic. The detour route will encompass portions of South Grayling Road, Dort Road and Oak Road. A 45-mph speed limit will be imposed throughout the detour routes. Only residents who need access to their property will be allowed to enter the construction site.

Because of the grade changes resulting from hill cuts and fill sections, there will be areas of the roadway which will be completely closed for short periods of time. People residing adjacent to North Higgins Lake Drive or those who gain access to their properties via North Higgins Lake Drive are urged to contact the Crawford County

Road Commission regarding the best route to use.

The Road Commission will start construction by pulverizing the existing pavement. Material generated from this operation will be used as part of the road base. After the entire project site is pulverized, the Road Commission will divide the roadway into sections, and work on isolated areas to accomplish the grade corrections. The Road Commission plans to remove as much as five feet from the top of some of the vertical crest areas of the project and to place approximately four feet of fill in vertical sag locations. As this process proceeds, road crews will also be reconstructing drainage structures, shaping slopes, and preparing the roadbed for paving.

The Road Commission will be coordinating its construction activities with the paving contractor in an effort to place the first course of pavement as soon as possible, as different sections reach the final grading stage of construction. Once the first course is completed the paving contractor may apply the top course of pavement. The final product will be a roadway that meets or exceeds visual sight limit criteria and has a 34-foot wide paved surface, including paved shoulders.

"This has been a long awaited

project, we urge patience from the residents during the construction period," Road Commission officials said.

If any questions or concerns may arise please do not hesitate to call the Road Commission office at (989) 348-2281. Questions and or concerns may be addressed to Don Babcock, Road Commission Managing Director, or Tim McCarthy of the Road Commission's Engineering Department.

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Accident leaves young cyclist with leg injury

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

A nine-year old Grayling boy was injured July 15 when a driver entered a downtown intersection as the traffic light turned red.

Grayling Police Chief Karl Schreiner said 22-year old Jason Coulter, of Grayling, was the driving vehicle that struck Daniel Burtalen at 5 p.m. that day. Schreiner said three other drivers were stopped in the southbound left lane of the I-75 Business Loop at Michigan Avenue and witnessed the accident as Burtalen and a friend attempted to ride their bikes northbound across Michigan Avenue.

According to Chief Schreiner, the young boy was taken by MMR ambulance to Grayling Mercy Hospital where he was treated for a leg injury and released.

Schreiner said Coulter was cited for failing to stop for a "steady yellow" traffic signal. "Anytime a driver can stop safely at a yellow light,

the law says he must," Schreiner said.

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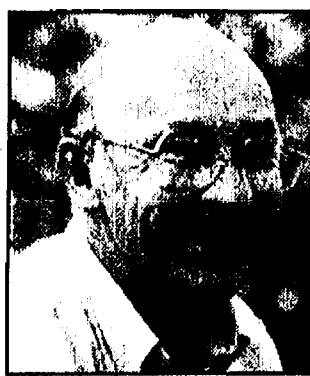
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OPINIONS



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by Richard Milliman

Legislative pay, park funding on primary ballot

MANY MICHIGAN voters probably are unaware, but along with selecting candidates for governor, congress and state legislature, at the August 6 primary they also will decide two statewide money-related issues.

One would change the way pay is established for the Michigan legislature, a second would adjust how funds for parks and recreation areas are invested and distributed.

These are statewide issues placed on the primary ballot by the legislature. Each asks for a Yes or No vote.

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"Proposal 02-1. A proposal to amend the provision of the state constitution governing the operation of the State Officers Compensation Commission (SOCC)"

SOCC is a special citizen commission which meets each two years to set pay and allowances for the state legislature, governor, lieutenant governor, and supreme court justices.

These recommendations are forwarded to

the legislature, and become law unless each house of the legislature turns them down by a two-thirds vote. If one or the other chamber declines to take action, the new pay levels take effect.

Last year, the house voted against a two-year pay increase package to hike the lawmakers' pay by almost 40 per cent. The senate refused to take a vote on the matter, so base legislative pay zoomed. Now it's almost \$80,000 a year.

Since the SOCC was added to the constitution 34 years ago, only once have lawmakers turned down its recommendations for higher pay. Frequently the legislature doesn't bother to vote on the question, but accepts the findings by not rejecting them.

If Proposal 02-1 is adopted on August 6, that will change. A majority vote of both houses will be required to accept SOCC recommendations. The legislators will have to vote "yes" instead of not voting "no" to get higher pay.

The proposal makes a few other changes as well:

--The attorney general and secretary of state will be added to the list of state officials whose pay and allowances are set by SOCC. Now the legislature sets their pay.

--If approved by the legislature, SOCC salary and expense determinations would not take effect until after the next general election. Now they take immediate effect.

--The legislature would be permitted to reduce compensation suggestions, but not raise them. Now they must be accepted or rejected as submitted.

Should Proposal 02-1 be adopted? It's up to the voters.

The Almanack does not endorse candidates or proposals. But personally, I'll vote "Yes." the changes are better than the way it is, but it's only a step in the right direction. In my opinion, the whole idea of the SOCC to determine public pay should be eliminated.

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"Proposal 02-2. A proposal to allow certain permanent and endowment funds to be invested as provided by law and increase allowed spending for state parks, local parks and outdoor recreation."

Three separate special funds set up outside usual legislative control would be affected by this proposal -- the Natural Resources Trust Fund, the State Parks Endowment Fund, and the Veterans Trust Fund.

At present these funds must be invested in super safe but low yielding government securities. The proposal would permit funds to be "invested as provided by law, eliminating prior restrictions on investing in stocks," as state retirement funds now are invested.

The proposal also would increase the cap on assets of the Natural Resources Trust Fund from \$400 to \$500 million, loosen some restrictions on spending limits for land

purchases, and give the State Parks Endowment Fund more freedom in buying land for parks and recreational uses.

The Natural Resources Trust Fund is established in the Constitution, and receives royalties from commercial oil and gas exploration and production on state lands.

The Veterans Trust Fund would be affected only by the more liberal investment policies.

No major opposition has surfaced against Proposal 02-2. Its broad support ranges from the Michigan Chamber of Commerce to the Michigan AFL-CIO and UAW, and from the Michigan Oil and Gas Association to the Michigan Environmental Council.

As for my vote, it sounds like a good idea to me, and I plan to vote "Yes" on this one, too.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Country's diversity goes back a long way

To the editor,

In response to the people who disagreed on my opinion of the Pledge:

Sharon L. Johnson can't believe there are people that want to change words in things that were there before some of them were born. If that is so, what business did Congress have meddling with the Pledge back in '54? What business did teachers have changing "Eeny, meeny, miny, mo, catch a (n-word) by the toe"? For that matter, what business did Luther have starting the Protestant Reformation?

There is a big difference between the Pledge and our National Motto. If I hand over some bucks to a Hindu storekeeper, he may well think, "Thank Shiva!" but he doesn't have to place his hand on his heart and repeat "In God we trust" before he pockets the moolah.

I agree with James W. Allman that it is great we are allowed to express differing ideas and thoughts in this country. However, there is one fact I'd like to put straight:

I never referred to "terrorists" (who were Al-Qaeda). I mentioned the Taliban, who set up a religious government in Afghanistan which resulted in great suffering and loss of civil liberties for the Afghan people.

You can argue that the Taliban weren't in tune with the spirit of God, even in terms of Islam, and I would agree with you. Most Muslims also agree. But the fact remains that the Taliban believed in Allah, and (like the Salem witch-burners) believed they were doing God's will. Whether God agreed with them or not (He hasn't spoken to me on this, but I suspect not) it still didn't make for good government.

Linking religion and government has never benefited people, whether in the present or in earliest times. After all, Christian martyrs acknowledged Caesar as ruler -- but for not honoring him as a god, they got thrown to the lions. (Rome must have had the fattest lions in history.)

The internet article which Ms. Johnson quoted says "the idea of America being a multicultural community has served only to dilute our sovereignty and our national identity."

Not so! Both our sovereignty and our national identity are based on diversity in the first place. From colonial times, we've come from a variety of places, worshiped in a variety of ways, and brought to this country a rich mix of cultures.

If our national identity was limited to what we knew in the years leading up to the Revolution, we'd

still be English, and probably writing letters to the editor about Tony Blair -- or fox-hunting or Prince William. We certainly wouldn't be enjoying kielbasa, pizza, yogurt, bagels, marching bands, jazz, dog-sled races, Christmas trees, St. Patrick's Day, or the vast array of modern inventions brought into being by Americans with "foreign" names!

As for leaving America if I don't want to be a conformist -- why the heck should I? Let the people who are uncomfortable with diversity go find a country where everyone holds the same beliefs -- or buy an island and found their own country if they want -- but stop trying to undermine our sovereign country's greatness by thinking their type of American is the only kind!

Cathy Lester
Grayling

City tax proposal brings the worst of tactics

To the editor,

I've discussed my feelings with the city manager and mayor about this proposal and I'm sure both have their best interests for the benefit of the city. I have a different view of it, however.

I feel, if a previous voted tax ordinance has fulfilled its goal, that should be the end of it. As is stated in the article; The income tax fund is currently limited to paying for "street, storm, sewer, and curb and gutter construction" which is nearing the end of this project. It also states the fund has over one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in it.

In reality, any remaining money in this fund should be returned to

the taxpayers. At the very least no further tax should be collected under the present ordinance.

I cannot see how it can be legal to continue a tax ordinance that has funded the projects it was meant to do. The issue as proposed is asking taxpayers, in effect, to vote for a complete new ordinance. But if it is voted down, the taxpayer will still be taxed but at a reduced rate. In other words, "you will be taxed."

This is big government at its worst coming to little old Grayling. I think it should be corrected.

Ralph Hoffman
Grayling

Who's hysterical here?

To the editor,

I felt constrained to answer Ms. Lester's letter.

You say Christians are hysterical over this? Well, in the first place, those who leave death threats are not Jesus' definition of "Christians." By any other name, they would still be "nuts."

God has been pushed around enough. He no longer has any place in schools, government buildings, or even in some churches. Anyone who wants to exclude God from the pledge may do that when they say it, but let's not ignore the fact that this country was founded on a faith in God, by God-fearing men. Not atheists or Allah-fearing men. He deserves to at least stay in our

pledge.

What do you think He did to you that you don't even want to hear His name spoken?

We can use the name Satan, atheist, or homosexual in our conversation without anyone raising an eyebrow.

Why does God's name excite so much hostility? God help us if we use the name God as anything but a swear word.

Whoops, I'm sorry.... I shouldn't have asked God for help. I might be in danger of hijacking our political system. Talk about hysterics!

Carolyn Rowe
Grayling

Tobacco monies may become ballot issue

To the editor,

I write as a volunteer at Mercy Hospital, Grayling.

A coalition of health care organizations, familiar with the health and medical problems arising from tobacco use, have collected signatures (about 475,000) for a proposal they hope will be on the November 5 general election ballot. These organizations include, among others, the American Lung Association and the Michigan Health and

Hospital Association (MHA). Mercy Hospital - Grayling is a member of the MHA.

The proposal, if on the ballot and approved by the electorate, would dedicate monies from the tobacco settlement to the prevention of tobacco usage and to the care of illnesses arising from tobacco usage. Presently the tobacco settlement monies are spent, in the main, on purposes unrelated to health care.

Many states, including Michigan,

sued cigarette makers to recoup the cost of providing medical care (mostly through the State Medicaid program) to individuals suffering from illnesses related to tobacco use.

Michigan receives about \$280-\$300 million per year -- until about 2025 -- from this settlement.

The signatures were submitted July 8, to the Michigan Secretary of State. The Secretary of State is required to review and verify them

to assure that there are enough registered voters who signed the petition to get the measure before the electorate in November.

If this proposal is on the ballot, I will be voting "Yes." I hope you will as well.

Ken Eldridge
Legislative Chairperson
Mercy Hospital
Grayling Auxiliary

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News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced. Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined paper use every other line.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

Kudos to St. Mary's

To the editor,

A great improvement has been made in the parking lot belonging to St. Mary's Catholic Church.

They had purchased the triangular lot along the Business Loop which had once been the Abe Joseph home. Instead of paving the entire area, they have enhanced the looks of it by putting part of it into lawn, planting trees and putting up an artistic sign for the church.

Anything that adds color and greenery to the community makes it more attractive for residents and tourists.

Fay Bovee
Grayling

BRIEFS

Friends to hold annual used book sale

The Crawford County Friends of the Library will hold its Annual Used Book Sale to benefit the local library system, July 25-27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library located at 201 Plum Street in Grayling (near the AuSable Primary School). Donations of good, clean used books are still being accepted as well as tax-deductible monetary donations.

Marathon Breakfast, craft sale planned

The Crawford County Commission on Aging Senior Center, located at 308 Lawndale in Grayling, will be the site of a Marathon Breakfast and Craft Sale on Saturday, July 27, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Everyone is invited. For more information, call the Center at 348-7123.

Mass to be held for paddlers, spectators

St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling will be offering a special Mass on Saturday, July 27 at 4:30 p.m. to accommodate the schedules of paddlers and spectators of the AuSable Canoe Marathon.

Lions Club announces Lucky 13 winner

The Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 Raffle winner of \$100 for Week #2 is Peter Terry of Grayling.

Family Vacation Bible School offered

Families and people of all ages are invited to participate in Vacation Bible School at Grayling Baptist Church, 705 Madsen Street in Grayling. The school will be held July 28 through August 1, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each evening. For more information, call Pastor Terry Colby at 348-2557.

Rotary plans 7th Annual Chicken BBQ

The Grayling Rotary Club will host its 7th Annual Chicken BBQ on Saturday, July 27, from 12 noon to 6 p.m. at the American Legion Post on the I-75 Business Loop in Grayling. Tickets are \$6 each and are available at the door or from any Grayling Rotarian. All proceeds go for community good works.

Chamber hosts Candidate's Forum

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce will host a Candidate's Forum, featuring candidates in the races for 36th District State Senate, 106th District State Representative, Crawford County Commissioners, Sheriff and Road Commission. The Forum will take place Tuesday, July 30 at 7 p.m. at Grayling Middle School, 500 Spruce Street in Grayling. This forum is offered to give local voters a chance to hear from the various candidates just prior to the August 6 primary election. For more information, call the Chamber at 348-2921.

Red Cross offers babysitter training

The American Red Cross is presenting Babysitter Training, with an emphasis on safety, on Saturday, July 27, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the United Way Building in Gaylord, for youth ages 11 to 14 years of age. Participants will learn basic babysitting skills such as safe play, diapering, feeding, preventing disease transmission, decision making, assessing injuries, controlling bleeding, rescue breathing, and CPR. Course fee is \$25; call the Red Cross at 1-800-691-6059 or 732-7161 to register or for more information.

Groundbreaking planned for River House

The groundbreaking ceremony for the new River House Shelter, to be built at 1009 North Down River Road in Grayling, will be held at the site on Monday, August 5 at 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Booster Club announces raffle winners

The Grayling Youth Booster Club 50/50 raffle winners of \$25 each for the week of July 21 are Jerry Welch, Bev Fagan and Trudy Hawkins.

Church to host all you can eat lunch

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church on Michigan Avenue in Grayling will host an all-you-can-eat luncheon of soup, sandwiches, salad and dessert on Thursday, August 1, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person and take-outs will be available. Everyone is welcome.

Booster Club golf outing seeks entries

The Grayling Youth Booster Club and Seniors. Many contests will be held together for the 7th Annual Summerfling 2002 Golf Classic!

The event will be held at the Grayling Country Club on Friday, August 16 beginning at 10 a.m. The Summerfling is a four-man (or woman) scramble with an entry fee of \$240 per team and includes 18 holes of golf with a shotgun start, dinner, greens fees and cart.

Cash prizes will be awarded in three divisions: Men's, Women's

Girl Scouts seeking award nominees

The Girl Scouts of Mitten Bay is seeking nominations from the public for its 2003 Women of Distinction Awards for women who are successful role models for today's girls and young women.

Nominees for the award are women who exemplify excellence in business, education, philanthropy and/or leadership in their communities. The honorees exhibit through their career and/or volunteerism, life contributions worth emulating and that serve as inspiration to girls to become self-confident and resourceful community and business leaders.

Women of Distinction nominees do not have to have past or present involvement with Girl Scouting, but exemplify Girl Scout values of leadership, responsibility and decision-making.

"With this event, we really try to highlight women who have made an impact in their community," said Geri Rudolf, second vice chairman of the Girl Scouts of Mitten Bay board and chairman of the Women of Distinction Committee. "Some

of them do so through their careers and others through volunteer efforts. In many cases it is a combination of both."

Locally, past winners included Mercy Hospital Grayling CEO, Stephanie Reimer-Matuszak.

Nominees must live or work in the 21 counties across central north-east lower Michigan, including Crawford and Roscommon Counties.

The Women of Distinction Committee, made up of board members, council volunteers and community leaders, will review and evaluate the nominations and select the 10 Women of Distinction.

Award recipients will be announced in October 22. The awards ceremony and tribute dinner is February 19, 2003.

To obtain a Women of Distinction nomination form or for more information, contact the Girl Scouts of Mitten Bay service center at (989) 799-9565 or 1-800-968-1185; or log on to www.mittenbay.org; or e-mail: mkrueger@mittenbay.org.

Nomination deadline is August 2.

Kneff Lake plays host to free cultural tour program July 30

This summer on Michigan's Great Outdoors Cultural Tour, storyteller-musician Patty Clark debuts her new program about the great cultural and industrial changes that took place in Michigan during the Victorian era of the late 1800s.

In this and her past summer programs on the environment and oral traditions of the north, Clark said she tries to "imagine and portray what it must have been like for people in times past, what they may

have felt, what they thought," based on her personal insights and research.

"From Buckskins to Cotton" will be presented free of charge at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 30 at the Kneff Lake National Forest Campground, just off Stephan Bridge Road, south of M-72 East. Michigan's Great Outdoors Cultural Tour is sponsored by the Michigan Council for the Arts & Cultural Affairs and Michigan Humanities Council.

Parents reminded to immunize, have child's ears/eyes checked

Any parent or guardian with a child entering the Crawford AuSable School District for the first time needs to be sure that child's immunizations are up to date.

Also, certain vaccinations are required for children entering preschool, Kindergarten or the Grayling Middle School as a 6th grade student. Parents are urged to contact their health care professional to check on the status of their child's immunizations and be sure to have children vaccinated before the start of the new school year.

Appointments for immunizations are available at the District #10

Health Department during the month of August.

Also in August, the Health Department is offering free hearing and vision screenings by appointment for children entering the school district in September. These screenings are required for all new Kindergarten and Head Start students.

The District #10 Health Department building is located at 202 Meadows Drive in Grayling.

For more information or to make an appointment, call the District #10 Health Department at 348-7800.

Frederic Area Lions plan 1st annual bake sale, White Cane Drive

The Frederic Area Lions Club will host its first annual bake sale and 2002 White Cane Drive on Saturday, August 3 at the Happy Days Diner in Frederic Township.

On that day, Happy Days will be hosting its 2002 Frederic Auto Show beginning at 8 a.m. A sock hop and poker run is planned and the Frederic Lions will hold several 50/50 raffle drawings throughout the day.

Donations to the White Cane Drive are needed, as well as baked goods for the bake sale. Call Joann Strachan at 348-2217 or Gail Smith at 348-6115 for more information.

The Frederic Area Lions Club is

also looking for new members. For information on membership, call ahead to Gail Smith. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the day. You need not be a Frederic resident to join the club.

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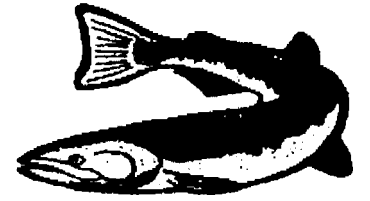
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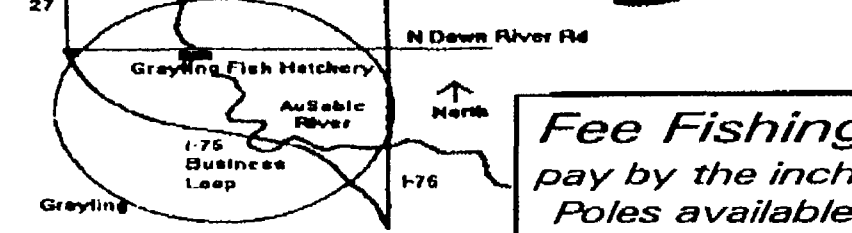
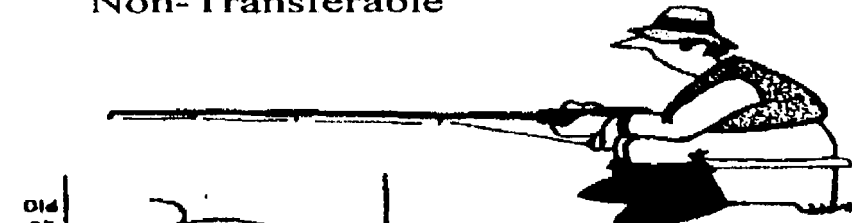
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Political Correctness?

Political Correctness is destroying common sense in America. PC rejects all moral absolutes for moral relativity. PC is the result of liberal thinking that assumes every human being is good except Jews and Christians. PC assumes inequality has created minority victims. PC assumes success is usually achieved by abusing the rights of others. PC defends deviancy to protect diversity. PC is turning America into a nation like ancient Israel before her fall. As God said in Isa. 59:14: "And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter." Isa. 5:23: "Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!"

Political Correctness has been forced upon all branches of our government including the FBI and CIA. The FBI feared implementing field agent Ken Williams' recommendations to avoid charges of racial or ethnic profiling. He had urged the Bureau to survey civil aviation schools to identify enrollment trends for Middle Eastern males. Yet, even after September 11th, Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta has been responsible for currently avoiding ethnic or racial profiling in airport security. You have read of the grandmothers, disabled persons, and even popular politicians equally scrutinized and searched to assure political correctness. Even the FBI's explanations of

why Zacarias Moussaoui's computer and personal effects were not investigated indicates a concern for PC. The FBI has refused to identify Hesham Mohamed Hadayet as a terrorist after his shooting rampage against Jews at the Los Angeles International Airport.

Political Correctness even controls our treatment of captured enemy combatants. As Reed Irvine and Cliff Kincaid said in Accuracy In Media, 18 June 2002: "The London Sunday Times has just published an exposé of conditions at the Guantanamo internment camp for Al-Qaeda and Taliban detainees. No, not of harsh conditions. Just the contrary. The British paper reports that the camp has been converted into a virtual Club Med, where prisoners are transported in golf carts and allowed to mock, threaten and throw water on their American guards. If prisoners complain that these guards are too 'rough', it is the guards who are removed."

To expose Communism or Marxism is to be branded a follower of Sen. Joseph McCarthy or John Birch. To be a conservative Judge is to be "Borked" in the name of PC. The liberals must only be called moderates, while conservatives must be branded radicals. Liberal media is branded mainstream, while a more balanced media like Fox is branded right-wing conservative. All Bible-believers are branded as the ignorant radical Religious Right, while liberal unbelievers can sue to have "Under God" removed.

Let us not be surprised or discouraged. Jesus Christ was called a half-breed, demon possessed, glutinous and a winebibber that ate with publicans and sinners. The world leaders were PC when they crucified Christ for blasphemy and insurrection. We as followers of Jesus Christ should not expect different PC treatment than God received while in human flesh. But, God tells us to stand in 1 Thess. 3:8: "For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord." "and having done all to stand. Stand" Eph 6:13,14. Pastor B

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Golf outing raises over \$15k for Hospice

The 5th Annual Dick Dworzynski Golf Outing, to benefit Crawford and Roscommon Hospice agencies, raised over \$15,000.

The annual event took place on June 14 at Grayling Country Club.

The Board of Directors and Hospice cite the expertise and help of the country club staff, sign sponsorships, hole-in-one sponsorships and donated gifts, food, cash and advertising as the reason for the event's success.

Board member, Robin Willis, said, "And, to the golfers -- without you, our outing would have not been possible."

The following are results from the outing:

Women's Division Teams - 1st Place, out of Houghton Lake, Sherry Sullivan, Denise Goff, Julie McKindles, Jamie Bosworth; 2nd Place, out of Roscommon, Sheryl Fitzpatrick, Pat Yatros, Fran Upton, Laurie Yurga.

Men's Division Teams- 1st Place, out of Houghton Lake, Mike Ciaramitaro, Jim Meigs, Mike Mieske, Justin Zarzynski; 2nd Place, out of Beaverston, Steve Asch, Joe Peterson, Terry Edwards, Gary Morley;

Mixed Division Teams - 1st Place, out of Grayling, Mike Lesko, Shirley Griffin, Bill Ross,



Hospice Board of Directors hold the oversized facsimile check for \$15,256.61 -- the amount raised from the 5th Annual Dick Dworzynski Golf Outing. Front row, from left: Julie (Dworzynski) Peters, Sherry Sullivan, Robin Willis, Phyllis Ward; back row: Gordon Willis, Jais Dexter, Jeff Dexter, Mike Ward. Not shown: Mike Sullivan, Phil Landry, Bob Corin, Karen Corin.

Bill Bird; 2nd Place, out of Jr., Deb Winiarski, Paul Oster, Deb Houghton Lake, Bob Winiarski, Oster.

Lighter Than Air



"For I will surely save you... because you have put your trust in me, says the Lord."

(Jeremiah 39:18)

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At times our spirit feels like that balloon...without the hot air. "Will I ever feel lighthearted and carefree once more?" You will...when you let the warmth of God's love fill your soul. Only then will you feel strong and in control of your life again.

Let your Heavenly Father give you the power you need to soar above the stresses of everyday life. Worship in God's House this week and every week. Soon you will find that your spirit is becoming "lighter than air".

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Primary should decide sheriff's race

Two Republicans will face off for the office of Crawford County Sheriff -- current interim sheriff, Kirk Wakefield, and Grayling Police Officer, Timothy Coe.

Wakefield was named sheriff in February by state mandated panel of Probate Judge John Hunter, Prosecutor John Huss and Clerk Sandra Moore following the early retirement of former sheriff, Dave Lovely. The winner will serve out the remainder of Lovely's term which expires in 2004.

Coe was defeated in the race for county sheriff in 2000 by Lovely in the primary, then ran as an independent write-in candidate that November. Lovely defeated Coe by a close margin.

The following information and comments were provided to the *Avalanche* by the candidates through the completion of a questionnaire.



Timothy Coe

Tim Coe is currently employed as a patrolman with the Grayling City Police Department. He and his wife, Patti, have four children ranging in age from 10 to 24.

In his spare time, Coe said he enjoys watching his children grow and being part of their activities. He enjoys scuba diving, travel, reading, hiking, historical research (especially in the area of law enforcement).

Coe served as a Military Police officer in the U.S. Army in Korea and stateside in Kansas. After leaving the military, he first worked with the marine patrol in Crawford County then ran the marine and snowmobile patrol. He also worked in Ogemaw County as a patrol officer and occasional dispatcher, then in Sault Ste. Marie overseeing loss prevention in a store and managing a small motel. He returned to Crawford County in 1985 as a marine officer, then began road

patrol in 1986 and served for some time as a command officer with the rank of sergeant. In 2000, Coe went to work for the Grayling Police.

Coe has a degree in law enforcement administration and is a certified scuba diving instructor specializing in ice, rescue and search and recovery diving. He has also instructed for the Kirtland Police Academy.

Coe said he would like to serve as sheriff because, "Law enforcement is a profession I chose to dedicate myself to a long time ago. This is a career where you serve the citizens; it is to me more of a calling and not just a job. I believe I have the experience and the heart to best serve the citizens of this county as sheriff. If (the voters) elect me as sheriff, I will take the responsibility and trust they place in me seriously at all times."

If elected, Coe said he "hopes to maintain and improve upon the trust and confidence that the citizens have in the Crawford County Sheriff Department. I would like to return to a full, 24-hour patrol, or at the very least increase patrol hours. I believe that at least while there are gaps in patrol hours that the sheriff and undersheriff can work the road when possible to help support additional patrol hours."

"I don't assume there is no solution to the budget problems, I assume there is a solution," Coe said. He believes it will take a team effort by commissioners, other police agency heads, union officials, community leaders and many others to perhaps find these solutions. "I have many visions for the department and I believe other officers do, too. We may not be able to accomplish all of them, but by being open and communicative, I believe we can move forward and progress," he said.

Coe stated the top priorities for the sheriff department are "finding solutions to the budget problems, funding new officers, maintaining the successful programs and providing needed services within budget constraints. "We are not the only county to be having these difficulties, said Coe, "and a solution to our problems may be found by looking at and working with other counties and municipalities in the same boat."

Finally, Coe said he finds it ironic that "we spend a great deal of time in the school system teaching our children to call 911 in emergencies, and then are not there to answer the call when they do." He said, "I

wonder how long we would put up with a fire department or ambulance service that services our homes only for a few hours a day. If you had a house fire and were told the fire fighters and trucks had to come from Houghton Lake, you would not be very comforted by that response. It is time we assumed there is a solution and work hard at finding it."



Sheriff Kirk Wakefield

Kirk Wakefield is currently serving as Crawford County Sheriff. He is single and has two adult daughters, age 21 and 30. He also has four grandchildren.

In his spare time, Wakefield said he enjoys jogging, bicycling, fishing and "taking in the northern Michigan scenery via relaxing drives in the countryside. Our area is beautiful and has a lot to offer."

Sheriff Wakefield has been in law enforcement since 1979, starting with the Howell Police Department. Following a lay-off in 1983, he was hired by Sheriff Joseph White here in Crawford County and continued to work under Sheriff Harold Hatfield. During his stint in the Road Patrol Division, Wakefield attained the ranks of Corporal, Sergeant and Lieutenant. He left the Sheriff Department briefly to work at the Grayling Holiday Inn in 1990, then was hired by the Grayling City Police in 1992. In 1995, Wakefield was hired to serve as Crawford County Undersheriff and has been with the department since.

Wakefield said his education, in all aspects of law enforcement has continued, as it should for any police officer in this state. In 1987, Wakefield earned a supervisory certificate from the Michigan State Police; in 1996, an Eastern Michigan University Certificate of Incident Command and a supervisory certificate of Selective Traffic

Law from the University of North Florida; graduated in 1997 from Central Michigan University - Executive Law Enforcement Leadership Institute; and in 1998 he received certification as a Tactical Response Officer from Schoolcraft College.

When asked why he would like to continue serving as sheriff, he said, "I love it here. God has guided me to this career and Crawford County. I am compelled to serve the people of Crawford County and do the best I can. I am kind and compassionate, yet stern and resolve, when needed. I have been in law enforcement supervisory positions for many years here and learned a great deal. My education is all in executive law enforcement and I only ask for the opportunity to put it all to good use serving this community."

If elected, Wakefield said, "I will continue to operate the Sheriff's Office budget in a prudent manner and make justifiable choices in spending and increase revenue in the jail. We are making money now, but I feel we can make more. I plan to keep building up officer morale even higher than I have so far. I will work collectively to resolve officer shortage and be attempting to restore 24-hour road patrol. It is imperative that we work together to educate our children and to give them the proper guidance, as they are our future. I am doing all that is in my power to accomplish this. As I am now, I will continue to do whatever it takes to get the job done right."

Wakefield said, in his opinion, the top priorities for the sheriff department is to protect and serve the citizens of Crawford County efficiently and proficiently. Also, to continue to increase jail revenues while keeping the working environment safe and secure and to resolve the 24-hour road patrol issue in the best way he can.

He added that it is also important for his department to maintain a clean, crisp professional appearance and attitude.

Finally, Wakefield remarked, "Trying to maintain an effective law enforcement operation within an economically challenged environment, such as ours, is very difficult. I am here, ready and up for this challenge. I will do the best possible job -- for you -- with what you give me to work with and whatever assets I am able to acquire from the state and federal governments. This is a serious job and I am serious about it."

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Personal History

- Grew up in Grayling.
- Married to former Diane Tompkins.
- Two married daughters, three grandchildren.
- Retired from 36 years in the banking business, 18 years as president, US Army Veteran.
- Partner in a Local Car Wash Business.

Education

- Graduated from Grayling High School.
- Graduate of Michigan State University with degree in Economics and General Business.

Local Involvement

- Life Member; Michigan State Varsity Club.
- Director of MSU Alumni Club of Crawford County and Otsego County.
- Member Grayling Masonic Lodge #356; Secretary AuSable Shrine Club, Member of Elk Khurafah Temple, Saginaw.
- Member of Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce.
- Member of Ducks Unlimited.
- 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach.

Leadership

- President of Grayling High School Alumni Assoc.
- Active and Past Board Member of St. Francis Episcopal Church.
- Director and past president of Grayling Rotary Club.
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Geographic Book of Mammals in memory of Thomas Melville. Merna and Ken Newberry donated *Before I Dream Bible Storybook and Tell me about the Story of Jesus*, in memory of Ruby Alma.

New books are being processed. The Kiwanis Club has donated a large number of books. Friends of the Crawford County Library has purchased over \$700 in books to help fill our new shelves.

Upgrades at the Library continue: A 16-foot computer counter was custom built and installed recently. It holds four computers and two printers. A new motion light was pur-

chased by Frederic Township and installed over the front entrance of the Library. It will light the dropbox for book returns. A fax machine was purchased. Fax service is now available to the public. The charge will be \$1 per page.

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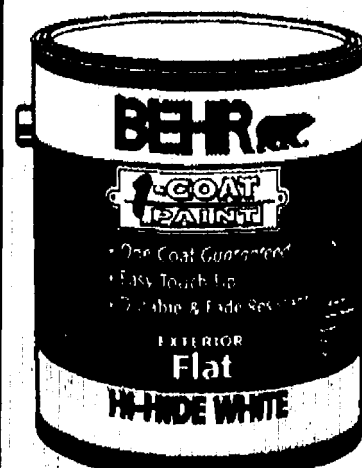
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Cherry Queen finalist spends fun-filled week

Former Miss Teen Crawford County and Grayling Junior Miss, Brandi McClain, recently returned home from a fun-filled week in Traverse City where she was a National Cherry Queen finalist.

The National Cherry Festival's "generations of fun" focused on patriotism as a central theme. This was apparent by McClain's red, white and blue wardrobe as well as interactions with the Traverse City Fire Department, U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Coast Guard who served as escorts throughout the week.

From taking first place in the cherry pie-eating contest to modeling Nanette Keller designs in the Royal Parade of Fashion, McClain experienced first hand what the National Cherry Festival is about.

"There are two things that make the Cherry Festival so special," she said. "First we are blessed with the natural beauty of the Grand Traverse Region. But, more significant, are the people of Traverse City who volunteer countless hours to make the festival spectacular year after year."

As a finalist, McClain partook in numerous activities throughout the week, such as the Blue Angels Exhibition, Very Cherry Luncheon, Elks Dinner, Sand Sculpture competition, Bay Meadows Hole in One contest, Jo Dee Messina concert, Kwanis Luncheon/Meeting, and Fun Night. She also received a scholarship, wardrobe and a variety of cherry products.

The exciting week culminated with the Coronation Ball at Park Place Hotel where Traverse City locals Ashley Prusick and Kinsley Robinson were announced National



Grayling resident Brandi McClain found participating in the 2002 National Cherry Queen pageant to be very rewarding and will compete again next year for the title.

Cherry Queen and 1st Runner-Up, respectively. Although McClain was not crowned National Cherry Queen, she has not given up her royal aspirations.

"After this amazing week of personal growth and gained friendships, I am excited about the opportunity of competing for the crown of National Cherry Queen in the following year," McClain said. "It was

one of the best experiences of my life and I highly recommend this program to all motivated, intelligent young women of Michigan."

The National Cherry Queen pageant is open to all young women of Michigan between the ages of 19 and 24 years. Anyone interested in this program should visit the National Cherry Festival web site at www.cherryfestival.org.

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Lovells Historical group plans annual meeting

The Lovells Township Historical Society hosts its 11th Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 3 at 1 p.m. at the Lovells Township Hall, located on Twin Bridge Road. The public is invited.

A short business meeting will be followed by our guest speaker, Laurie Dickens, Collections Historian, Michigan Historical Museum, who will present a slide show focusing on the development of historic themes to tell the story (past to present) of a community's growth.

The new log museum will be open, showing an outline of a "River Theme," the first theme selected for development by the historical society.

Society members are encouraged to participate in the process of



Lovells Township Historical Log Museum

developing the "River Theme" for display.

Refreshments will be served and all attendees are then invited to visit

the historic Douglas House (the Fuller's North Branch Outing Club). For more information, call Glen Liberly at 348-3084.

Broadband development group invites public to symposium bring high-speed internet north

Northern Michigan businesses and residents are invited to Mackinaw City on August 1 to learn more about the Michigan Broadband Development Authority (MBDA) and incentives created to encourage the availability of high-speed Internet access across the state.

State Rep. Ken Bradstreet, House Energy and Technology Committee chair, helped guide legislation to restructure Michigan's municipal rights-of-way laws, creating the state broadband development authority to administer low-interest loans for expanding broadband Internet service in Michigan.

"The only way broadband serve can expand is if it is economically feasible and worthwhile for the providers and consumers," said Bradstreet (R-Gaylord). "The authority and the initiatives in place

will open those doors."

Reps. Jason Allen (R-Traverse City) and Scott Shackleton (R-Sault Ste. Marie) will join Bradstreet in making welcoming remarks and introducing MBDA members. The authority will give its presentation about applying for funding and increasing capital to expand services and finish with a question and answer period.

The meeting begins at 11 a.m. next Thursday in the conference room at the Hamilton Inn Select, 701 South Huron Avenue in Mackinaw City, and is expected to conclude by 1 p.m.

A free lunch will be provided, but people are asked to RSVP to Bradstreet's Lansing office by calling (517) 373-0829 or by e-mail at: kbradstreet@house.state.mi.us.

Annual outing takes Senior Companions on paddleboat ride

NEMCSA's Senior Companion Program volunteers took part in their annual summer activity on the AuSable River Queen paddleboat ride. Fifty-four volunteers, guests and site supervisors from the 12 counties in northeast Michigan attended.

During the two-hour paddleboat ride, the volunteers were served lunch and were entertained with music amidst beautiful scenery.

The Senior Companion Program is sponsored by Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency, Inc. Anyone interested in joining the program should call Nancy, toll-free, at 1-877-222-9043, ext. 260. Annual physicals for volunteers will be held in August.

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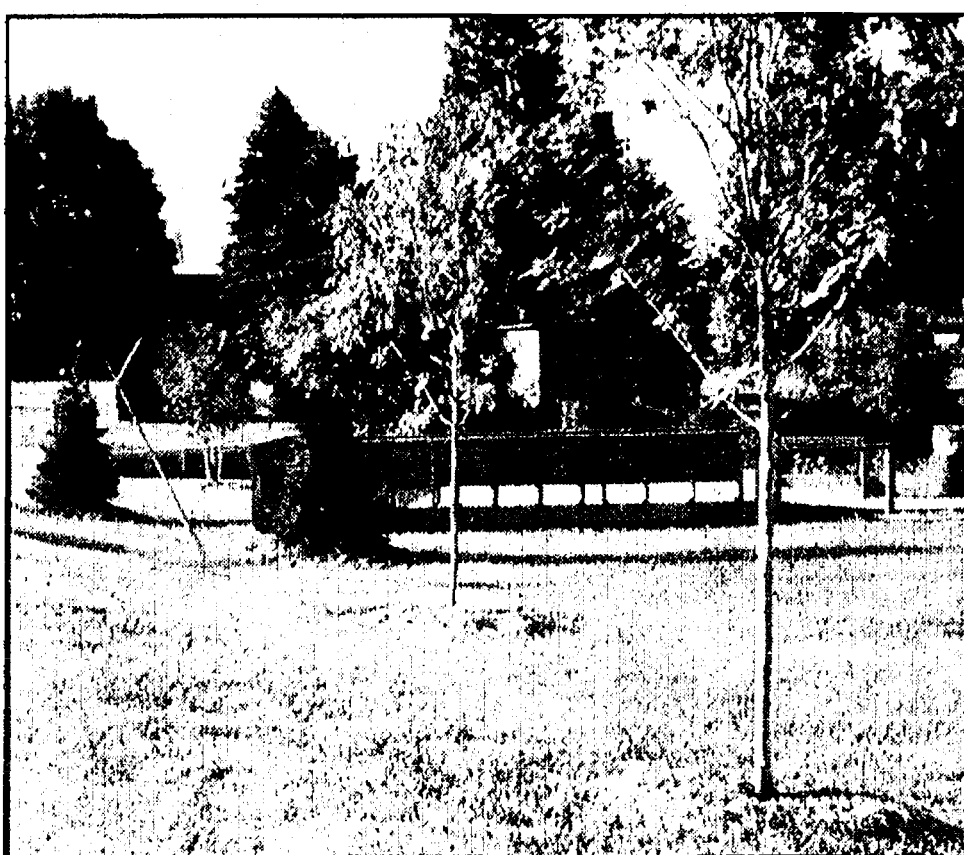


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Park gets pined, mapled and spruced up



The city park has recently undergone the first two steps in a plan to keep the park family-oriented and keep the green spaces open.

(Top) The planting of trees and shrubs was the first step, closely followed by painting the pavilion and picnic tables. Future plans include the purchase of new playground equipment, more picnic tables, benches and barbecue grills.

(Bottom) Troop 979 members (from left) Assistant Scout Master Scott Malone, Jimmy Hilbrecht, Nick Grogan, Dylan Nye, Aaron Stephan, Wesley Lane and Henry Lane helped the park committee spruce up the park when they painted the pavilion Monday, July 15. Troop members also painted the tables on Wednesday. Not included in the picture were Nick Steffey, Tyler Steffey and younger brother, Brent Steffey who is a Cub Scout. The park committee provided the paint for the project.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The Crawford County Sheriff Department handled the following 112 complaints the week of July 15-21:

Three hazardous situations, six traffic accidents, two non-traffic accidents, one traffic violation (civil infraction) one parking violation, one accidental fire, two water related accidents, one accident - all other, one school bus inspection, one inspection - other, seven civil matter disputes - family trouble, nine suspicious situations, one lost and found property, one natural death, eight general non-criminal, three delinquent minors, eight false alarm activations, one criminal sexual conduct/sexual assault, two assault/intimidation/stalking, two burglary/home invasion, nine larceny, one motor vehicle theft, one impersonation (false name, etc.) one stolen property, six damage to property, one sex offenses/indecent exposure, one obscenity/material/communication, one family offense/abuse/neglect, 17 public peace/disorderly, seven health and safety, one conservation, five driving violations/DWLS etc.

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The Range 40 Air to Ground Complex, located north of County Road 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during the following dates and times: July 24 through July 28 and July 30.

For further information on Air to Ground operations call: (989) 939-8880 or (989) 354-6205.

The Range 40 Complex, located

north of County Road 612, east of Sherman Road, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road). Military maneuvers and demolitions firing: July 24 through July 26.

Small Arms Ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek: July 24 through July 28.

Range 15, located south of the main post, bounded on the west by Cadillac Road and on the east by Carrier Road: July 24 through July 26.

Range 17, located south of the main post, north of Carrier Road, east of Range 13 and west of Beaver Creek (Military Road): July 24 through July 26.

Range 20 and Range 21, Demolition Ranges located south of Howe Road, west of the Crawford County Line, north of Daniels Road and east of the gas pipeline: July 24

through July 26.

The Range 30 Complex, located north of North Down River Road, east of Jones Lake Road, south of County Road 612, and west of Bald Hill Truck Trail: July 24 and July 25 and July 29 and July 30.

In addition, the following roads will be closed from July 24 through July 26 and July 28 through July 30:

Bucks East-West Truck Trail to Wakeley Bridge Road.

Bucks East-West Truck Trail from Jones Lake Road to Bald Hill Truck Trail.

Ketchum Truck Trail from Bucks East-West to North Down River Road.

Stephan Bridge Road from County Road 612 to North Down River Road.

Wakeley Bridge Road from County Road 612 to North Down River Road.

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SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

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Wed. July 24 - Chop Suey/Beef; Stag Cards at 12 noon and Crafts at 1 p.m.

Thu. July 25 - Baked Ham/Salisbury Steak; BP's taken at 11 a.m. to 12 noon; Casino trip leaves at 10 a.m.; Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.; and Uno-attack at 5:30 p.m.

Fri. July 26 - Chicken/no dinner; Pantry Bingo and 80 cent rummy at 1 p.m.

Mon. July 29 - Spaghetti & Meatballs/Lemon Pepper Steak; Stag Cars at 12 noon; Bridge Club at 1 p.m. and Hangman at 5:30 p.m.

Tue. July 30 - Kielbasa Baked dinner/Beef Stew; Tenant Council meets at 10 a.m.; Euchre Club at 1 p.m.; Movie "Dr. Doolittle" with Eddie Murphy at 5:30 p.m.

Wed. July 31 - Veal Parmesan/Macaroni/Cheese & Hot dogs; Stag Cards at 12 noon; Crafts at 1 p.m. and Medicine Shoppe bingo at 5:30 p.m.

Above all this week, remember: A person is not rewarded for having brains, only for using them!

DISTRICT HEALTH #10 CALENDAR

District Health Department No. 10, Grayling office, has scheduled the following clinics/classes for August. Please call 348-7800 for appointments.

Immunization clinics: August 7 & 21.

Family planning: August 6 & 20.

Optional/confidential HIV/AIDS testing: August 14.

WIC Supplemental Food Program for pregnant women,

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The family of Elma Galloway Combs would like to thank many people for expressions of kindness shown to us. We would like to express our appreciation to family and friends for the lovely luncheon after services at the Beaver Creek Township Hall, as well as to the Sorenson Funeral Home. A special thank you is extended to our family friend, Ann Laundra of Unionville for officiating at our Mother's services and to Pastor Compton of Harrison for his words of kindness.

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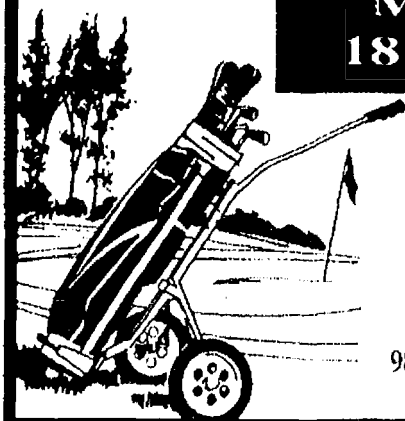
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Three vie for Road Commission seat

No Democrats have filed candidacy in the race to fill a seat to be left vacant by outgoing Crawford County Road Commission Chairman Lt. Col. Tom Perry.

Perry is unable to seek re-election to continuing serving due to his active duty status with the Michigan National Guard. Perry was appointed to the Road Commission by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners in 2000, before it opted to send Road Commission board position decisions back to the voters.

The following citizens' names will appear on the August 6 Republican Primary Ballot. The name of the candidate receiving the most votes will appear on the November 5 General Election Ballot. Profiles were compiled from answers provided by the candidates on questionnaires mailed to them by the *Avalanche*.

Thomas A. Barnes (no photo provided) has worked for Michigan State University Extension since May, 1996 as a District Extension Forestry Agent.

He and his wife, Jackie, have two children ages seven and four years. Barnes said he enjoys spending his spare time with his family on outings such as camping, fishing and biking. "Fly fishing and hunting consume much of my free time during the appropriate season," he said.

Barnes' government experience includes his appointment to the Crawford County Zoning Board of Appeals in 2001. He is currently serving as its Vice Chair.

Barnes said he serving on the Road Commission would be one way of becoming more involved in Crawford County. "This would

allow me to be part of the decision making process that impacts our road network," he said. "Our road network is very vital to the safety and welfare of not only the citizens of Crawford County, but to those who visit our fine county."

Some of the things he would like to accomplish if elected, said Barnes, is to maintain "a good, sound budget to not only ensure that our roads can be properly maintained year round, but also provide a positive and safe work environment." He said continued collaboration with other organizations is also important for projects such as the recent incorporation of recreational pathways along our road ways.

He added, "Much work has already taken place in improving our stream crossings and protecting our water quality. Continual monitoring of these crossings is needed to see how they are functioning and what maintenance might be needed to ensure our streams are not being heavily impacted by road runoff."

Barnes said he believes the top priorities for the road maintenance is to provide safe roadways for travelers and residents, with special attention to the more heavily traveled roads where he calls for frequent inspections and timely improvements. "I believe the Road Commission needs to evaluate which roads carry the highest volume of traffic and pose the greatest risk to safety and start our road improvements on these roads."

Barnes added, "I believe I would make a great addition to our court road commission. I feel that providing a safe and comfortable travel experience within our county is very important not only to our citizens, but also to the tourists who visit our county during all four seasons. The improved conditions of our road system is a reflection of the skill and pride our Crawford County Road Commission takes in the decision making and implementation and maintenance of our roads."



Kathy Black

Kathy Black is the owner of Active Computers & Technologies, LLC. She and her husband, Randy, have been married for nearly 33 years and have two grown children and six grandchildren.

In her spare time she enjoys bowling, golf, pool, sewing, crafts, as well as learning and experimenting with various computer programs.

Black has many years experience in government service: Crawford County Commissioner, Crawford County Community Corrections Coordinator; has served on the Michigan Association of Counties Transportation Committee, NEMCOG Executive Board, District #1 and #10 Health Department Boards, and the Michigan Northern Counties Association; served on numerous boards and agency committees including Crawford County Planning Commission, Solid Waste Committee, Insurance Committee, Commission on Aging, FIA, Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, District Health Finance Committee, GOALIES (Gas, Oil and Land Impact Environment Statewide) ad hoc Committee, Chair, Crawford Community Land Use Coalition and others.

When asked why she wishes to serve on the Road Commission, Black replied, "Very frankly, because I've found after taking a few years off, I really miss being part of a policy-making board. The Road Commission, like the County Board of Commissioners, is a policy-making board but it is also a visionary board and deeply involved at the most basic level with developing a so-called "master plan" for managed growth and development of the county. I believe that my experience as a County Commissioner and member of the Planning Commission and involvement with transportation issues in the past allows me to bring a great deal of experience to this position that my opponents do not have."

Black said under the law, road commissions are responsible for keeping all county roads in reasonable repair so they are safe for public travel. She is aware that as a road commissioner she will have to see to it that whatever funds are allocated are used for necessary labor, equipment and materials to carry out state requirements. If elected, she said, "I will work with the managing director and his staff to assure that we will qualify for any and all funds available to us from whatever source to provide the citizens of Crawford County with the best and safest roads that we possible can."

Top priorities for road maintenance, according to Black are to complete existing projects in a timely fashion and to prioritize pending needs based upon input from the townships and city officials. In conclusion, Black commented, "I worked hard as a County Commissioner to represent not only District #3 but all the citizens of Crawford County. I will do no less on the Road Commission."

James "Jim" Burch is retired



James Burch

after 36 years of banking, 18 of which he served as President. He is currently a partner in a local car wash business with his wife, Diane Tompkins-Burch.

Burch grew up in Grayling and graduated from Grayling High School. He furthered his education at Michigan State University where he earned a degree in Economics and General Business.

He is a U.S. Army veteran and is the father of two children and grandfather of three grandchildren.

In his leisure, Burch said he enjoys hunting, fishing, golf, as well as being involved with community service activities.

His government service experience includes serving on the Tax Board of Review in St. Johns for six years, and as director and treasurer of Calhoun County Economic Development Corporation for eight years.

When asked why he wishes to serve on the Road Commission, Burch replied, "With my background and experience in banking for more than 36 years, which included budgeting, investing, reviewing contracts and analyzing businesses, I believe those are valuable assets to bring to the Road Commission. I am a team player and care about my community."

Burch said if he is elected, he "intends to work with the other commissioners to get our roads in good repair and keep them that way, to have roads built to last and hold contractors accountable for their work."

In Burch's opinion, the top priorities for road maintenance in Crawford County are to spend highway dollars intelligently, fix roads with long-lasting repairs and hold contractors accountable. He also would like to inventory the infrastructure needs of local roads and said he will work with all local governmental units to prioritize the urgency of projects.

"Good roads are a very important asset to our community," Burch said. "If we want to grow and prosper and be a community where new businesses want to relocate and other people want to visit or move to, we need to make and keep the roads into and out of our county in good repair."

Voters to decide commissioner races

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

In 2002, the number of commissioner districts in Crawford County has grown from six to seven as a result of population growth indicated in the 2000 Census. Only two districts have contested races in the August 6 primary and one district will receive a new commissioner because the incumbent decided not to seek re-election.

District #1 continues to encompass the City of Grayling.

Parts of District #2 (some areas in Grayling Township) are now part of District #5. Beaver Creek Township remains in this district as well as part of Grayling Township west of the City of Grayling.

Parts of District #3 (Lovells and Maple Forest Townships) are now incorporated into District #6. Frederic Township remains in this district.

District #4 continues to cover areas in Grayling Township.

Some of the Grayling Township area formerly part of District #5 are also now in District #6.

The former District #6 (South Branch Township) is now deemed District #7.

The re-districting may all seem confusing, but voters may find out if

their district has changed by calling the township or city clerk where they live or by visiting Crawford County Clerk Sandra Moore to view the new district maps.

Currently, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners is composed in this manner: District #1 Harold "Tike" Golnick (R), District #2 Scott Hanson (R), District #3 Shelley Pinkelman (R), District #4 Lynnette Corlew (R), District #5 Elizabeth Wieland (D), and District #6 Terry Beardslee (R).

Golnick, Hanson, Pinkelman and Beardslee are running unopposed and there are no Democratic candidates in these districts. Wieland has opted not to run for re-election, but her seat has changed from District #5 to District #6. Beardslee's district has changed from #6 to #7.

The *Avalanche* recently asked candidates in contested races to complete a questionnaire in order to let our readers become familiar with them and their views. The following information was compiled from these questionnaires. Please remember, some candidates chose to write more than others and this article reflects that fact.

Commissioner District #4

Lynnette Corlew is a homemaker and is currently serving her third



Lynnette Corlew

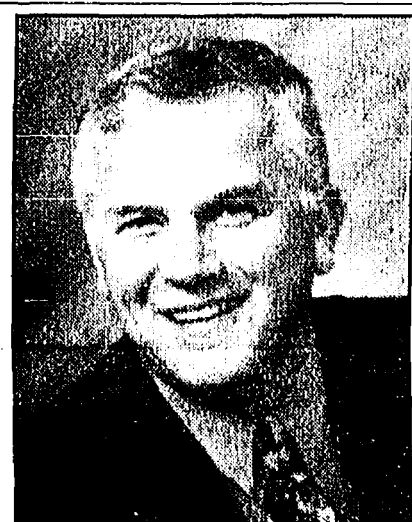
term on the County Board of Commissioners.

She and her husband, Mike, have been married for nearly 29 years and have one adult son and a five-year old daughter.

Corlew said her interests include reading, gardening, artistic painting, designing and creating stained glass, playing the piano, vocals, basket weaving, collecting antiques and rare books, traveling, interior decorating and design.

She has variety of experience in

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TOM MULLANEY for STATE REPRESENTATIVE 106th DISTRICT

PERSONAL HISTORY

Born and raised in Detroit. Son of George and Anna (Marcinkowski). Worked summers on family farm in Yale, Michigan during school breaks.

Married 18 years to wife Rosemary, a registered nurse who worked at Alpena General Hospital for many years (Oncology Unit-Charge Nurse Emergency Room). Retired in 1998. Now volunteers for American Red Cross and is a board member with Alpena Community Concert Association. Also has seven children and five grandchildren.

GOAL

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LOCAL EXPERIENCE

- 4 years County Commissioner
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- 32 years Alpena Police Officer
- Co-Founder of the first Drug Enforcement Unit in Northeast Michigan with over 300 people arrested
- Record setting amounts of illegal drugs confiscated

LOCAL INVOLVEMENT

- Knights of Columbus-Pro Life Candidate
- American Legion
- Thunder Bay River Watershed Council
- National Rifle Association
- Michigan Farm Bureau Associate Member
- Established the first Drug Education Programs in schools, churches and businesses in Alpena, Alcona, Presque Isle, and Montmorency Counties

STATE INVOLVEMENT

- Governors appointment Veterans Memorial Park Commission
- Chairperson Judiciary Committee Michigan Association of Counties
- Michigan Northern Counties Association Member
- Past State President Fraternal Order of Police
- Bush for President 2000 Committee

LEADERSHIP

- Chairperson Inter-Governmental Public Health and Safety Committee
- Chairperson Alpena Airport Committee
- Past Treasurer Alpena County Republican Party
- Past Board Member Shelter, Inc.
- Member: Alpena County Planning Comm. Montmorency Oscoda Alpena Landfill Authority Alpena Recreation Commission

DEDICATION AND CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE

- U.S. Army - 3 years
- Military Police
- Detroit Police Department - 2 years
- Alpena Police Department - 32 years
- Police Officer of the Year - 1981 - Veterans of Foreign Wars 1982 - Exchange Club 1983 - Optimist Club

UNION MEMBER

- Police Officer Labor Council 1985-2002
- Fraternal Order of Police Labor 1975-1985
- Steelworkers - 1970-1975
- Detroit Police Officers Association - 1968-1970
- Teamsters 1961-1963

Endorsements: Michigan Chamber of Commerce, State Lodge of Michigan Fraternal Order of Police, Police Officers Association of Michigan, Detroit Police Officers Association, Police Officers Labor Council, Detroit Police Lieutenants and Sergeants Association, Michigan State Police Troopers Association, Michigan Association of Police, Michigan State Police Command Officers Association, Warren Police Officers Association, Flint Police Officers Association, 3 out of 6 Prosecutors, 3 out of 6 Sheriffs, 11 County Commissioners.

"Tom Mullaney is a candidate of the highest quality," said Michigan Chamber President and CEO, Jim Barrett. "He is pro-business, pro-jobs and pro-taxpayer. His position on the issues combined with his experience in business and politics will make him a great State Representative."

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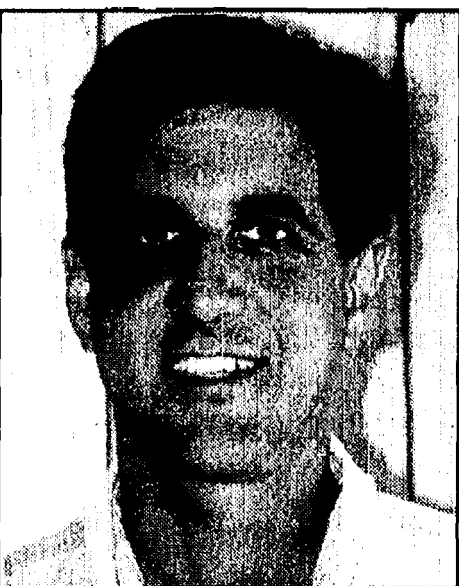
government and is currently serving on the following boards: District #10 Health Department, the local Family Independence Agency, Strong Families/Safe Children, Crawford County Collaborative Body, Library Board Liaison, Tri-County Judicial Committee, Transportation Authority representing Grayling Township, Crawford County Law Enforcement, Ways and Means and Personnel Committees and Chair of the County Judicial Committee.

In the past, Corlew has also served in the following ways: as a member of the Community Corrections Advisory Board, Commission on Aging, past Chair of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners as well as Ways and Means, and as the county's representative with the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce. From 1995-1996, Corlew served as a Grayling Township Trustee.

Corlew said she wishes to continue serving as District #4 Commissioner to complete the goals and objectives she has set for herself: "Balancing the county budget; developing funding sources for capital improvements and to re-establish past (county) staffing levels and programs; pushing for legislation that would remove 'Reverter Clauses' from county-held DNR property for the purpose of long-term planning; finishing and establishing a new uniform sanitary code; continuing to improve tri-county judicial issues, helping to develop long-term operating plans for the Crawford County Housing Commission."

Commissioner Corlew has been an active member of the local Republican Party for 12 years and has served as its Executive Secretary and President. She is the founder and current chairperson of the Crawford County Republican "Read to Me" Committee, distributing more than 1,500 books to area youth. She is also the founder of the Head Start Celebrity Reading Program and established her party's support of the local food pantry.

Corlew said she has a strong concern and love for her native home. She believes her honesty, integrity and dedication to researching issues as well as her dedication to bringing closure to important issues is an asset to the County Board. She said she also has a willingness to listen and work beyond her job description when necessary.



Mike Lange

Mike Lange, a Republican who made only brief statements on his questionnaire, is the General Manager of Lange Vending, Inc. in Grayling. He and his wife, Bonnie, have two children, ages 16 and 13.

Lange's favorite pastimes include boating, golfing, skiing, reading and spending time with family.

While Lange is eager to serve as District #4 Crawford County Commissioner, he comes to the voters with no government experience.

Lange said he wishes to serve as a County Commissioner "to provide a new and different point of view about county government."

If elected, Lange said he hopes "to promote economic growth, protect our quality of life, and retain and motivate skilled county employees."

In his opinion, Lange said the top priority for the Crawford County Board of Commissioners is to "maintain and improve county government services during tight fiscal budgets in the state."

Commissioner District #5

The winner of the District #5 primary race will face off with Independent candidate, Jay

Stephan, in November.



Loren J. Goodale

Loren J. Goodale, a Republican, also was very brief in his statements. He is the owner of Goodale's Bakery in Grayling.

Goodale and his wife, Grace, have two sons, one daughter and three grandchildren.

In his leisure time, Goodale said he is a Lionel model train enthusiast and enjoys camping.

Goodale's government experience came in 1990 through 1994 when he served two terms on the County Board of Commissioners. While serving, he had the opportunity to chair the Ways and Means Committee.

Goodale said he wishes to serve as a commissioner again "to make Crawford County a safer, more secure place to live and operate a business." Also, "to make sure Crawford County is doing its best with its assets."

If elected, Goodale said he hopes "to return 24-hour road patrol to the Sheriff's Department; to have the county work within its budget; and to have the jail used to make money for the county as it was designed to do."

Goodale said, in his opinion, the top priorities for the County Board should be "to return 24-hour road patrol; work within the budget; use dormant funds for the people, for example in the Sheriff's Department, County Clerk's office, Treasurer's office and court system."



Dave Stephenson

Dave Stephenson, a Republican, is president of AJD Forest Products in Grayling. He and his wife, Ann, have two adult daughters and four grandchildren, with the fifth due the first of August.

In his personal time, Stephenson said he enjoys woodworking, working in his yard, family activities and "a little hunting when time allows."

Stephenson has served as chairman of the Crawford County Industrial Development Committee for a number of years, now a standing committee of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce. He has served for 14 years on the statewide Michigan Association of Timbermen Board of Directors, including service as its president. Currently, he serves on its executive committee and chairs its legislative committee.

When asked why he would like to serve as District #5 County Commissioner, Stephenson replied, "My wife and I have lived in Crawford County for almost 25 years. We have raised our family here. This is an opportunity for me to give back to the community by serving and representing the citizens as a commissioner, especially those who reside in District #5."

If elected, Stephenson said he hopes to add his experience and knowledge to the rest of the board to help make Crawford County an even better place to live. He also would like "to help keep the county fiscally sound; keep the tax-paying citizens as informed as we can with the issues at hand and to ask for their

input and ideas."

He said, "The people of Crawford County can accomplish whatever we need if we're united. Although I'm not that naive to think we will be agreeable on everything, the majority will govern."

Stephenson said the establishment of a countywide master plan is needed. "If we're going to grow, and we will, it needs to be well-planned out in advance. We can expand our industrial and commercial base without interfering with the natural beauty that makes Crawford County what it is today, but it takes planning. It takes hard work on everyone's part, not just a few."

Stephenson stated the county needs to expand its tax base. "If we want police and fire protection, the best education for our children and all the other necessities of life, those dollars must come from somewhere other than to keep going back to the already over-taxed residents of Crawford County." He indicated the above points should be the top priorities for the County Board, in addition to the county living within its means, and pursuing every avenue to save county expense dollars.

"If elected, I will do my best to serve those who reside in District #5 and all of Crawford County," Stephenson said. "You can contact me with your ideas, suggestions and/or concerns. I feel that I work well with others and will work with fellow Board members and others to accomplish whatever it takes to keep Crawford County moving forward and I will stand for what's right, regardless of the consequences."

Commissioner District #6

Although the following Democratic candidate is running unopposed, and there are no Republicans running in this district, the *Avalanche* would like to introduce him to voters in the newly configured District #6.



Rick Anderson

Richard "Rick" Anderson works in real estate marketing and is a retired General Manager of propane marketer, Fuelgas. He and his wife, Nova, have two children.

In his spare time, Anderson said he enjoys fishing, boating, golfing, bowling, hunting, sports card collecting, quiet walks in the woods and spending time with family and friends.

Anderson is currently serving as a member of both the Crawford County Building Authority and the Construction Board of Appeals. He has been a board member of the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity since its formation in 1998, serving as site selection chairman and construction chairman on the first home built in Crawford County.

He is a veteran of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps, serving as both a Hospital and Combat Corpsman, with service in Vietnam.

Anderson said he wishes to serve as District #6 County Commissioner "to help the county become more aware of the needs of voters by requesting information that would benefit Crawford County; to see more accountability by departments of government, working as a team towards a common goal; and to make our wonderful county a better place to live and start a business."

If elected, Anderson said he would like to see a reduction in the square footage requirements of 960 sq.ft. lowered to 750 sq.ft. for homes built in Crawford County. He explained, "Otsego has a uniform lower square foot requirement and yet housing starts exceed Crawford County." He gave this example to show how important he believes this reduction would be to the citizens of the county: "A home built to 960 sq.ft. at an average cost of \$120 per square foot would cost the first time

home owner \$115,000 to construct. A home of 750 sq.ft. at the same \$120 per square foot rate would cost \$90,000, a savings to first time homeowners of \$25,000."

Anderson pointed out the increase in Crawford County's senior citizen population. "Many spend only the summers with us and have to pay taxes on two homes. Would not the above encourage more people to move into our wonderful county?"

Anderson said he would like to see townships and commissioners work together on projects that would benefit everyone and "empower the county department heads to encourage employee involvement in budget and other areas so savings can be realized in running units of government."

In his opinion, Anderson said the top priorities for the County Board are as follows: to see commissioners become more of a governing board and trust in the judgment of people in charge of departments. "It seems from input I have received, many voters believe that our County Commissioners exceed the scope of their jobs;" to get the state to release more lands to the county for the purpose of improving our tax base. "This would encourage the building of more homes that are affordable, for the majority of our citizens;" to work with clubs and the Chamber of Commerce to get businesses to look at our county as a place to start or relocate; and to work toward a budget that would balance out at the end of the fiscal year. "Create a plan and work the plan," Anderson said, "before it is too late."

Anderson remarked, "Over the past year, I've had a growing need to help in the service of my community."

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West Nile virus has moved north

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Anyone who has been bitten recently by a mosquito and is having flu-like symptoms should call their doctor.

The Health Department is also asking residents and visitors in the area to report findings of dead birds, especially crows, to its toll-free West Nile virus hotline at 1-888-668-0869 or the local Health Department at 348-7800. More information is available on line at: www.cdc.gov.

Historical Society plans 5th Annual Heritage Days

The Crawford County Historical Society is sponsoring its 5th Annual Heritage Days at the Crawford County Historical Museum on Saturday and Sunday, August 10-11.

Heritage Days will offer demonstrations in quilting, needlework, basket making, wood carving and other crafts from local heritage, as well as dulcimer music.

Tours of the museum and a re-enactors village, featuring blacksmithing, cooking over an open fire and encampments, will provide local historical information to visitors.

Local bottle expert, John Ozaga, will perform a special dig and reconstruction of the area where

the original outhouses were located at the old train depot.

On Saturday only a Bake Sale will be held from 10 a.m. until all baked goods are sold out. Visitors can expect to shop from a variety of good, old-fashioned homemade baked goods at great prices. All proceeds benefit the Historical Society's work at the Museum.

The event will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

Admission is \$2 for adults; children under 11 years will be admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

Most of the active members of the Crawford County Historical Society who do the vast majority of upkeep and volunteer work are

now getting on in age. The Society is looking for a new generation of "history buffs" to help share in the duties of maintenance, museum interpretation and many other things that make the Museum the most important stop in Grayling when it comes to learning about our fascinating local heritage.

Any member who has found they have a little extra time these days to volunteer at the Museum or anyone who would like to become a member of the Historical Society should call President Tim Coe at (989) 348-8653 for more information.

Be sure to partake of Heritage Days, August 10-11.

School and community to work together for success

by Susan Warrington
 Staff Writer

At a meeting to be held Monday, July 29, members of the local churches, service groups and the Crawford AuSable School District, along with members of the

Crawford County Collaborative Body (CCCB), will meet to form a focus group whose aim is the success of all young people. The CCCB is made up of representatives of several health and family groups in the county as well as law enforcement members and court system representatives.

The mission of the school, *Together We Succeed*, is being applied to the entire community. Many groups are working on problems independently and it is hoped the formation of this focus group will lead to solutions for the problems. Two areas of specific interest to both the school and all other groups are substance abuse, especially among young people and increased use of preventative programs.

One of the goals the school system has set is a zero dropout rate. "Every time the school loses a student, the dropout has little chance to succeed," said Superintendent Milli Haug.

This initial meeting will be followed on August 27 with an open house entitled *Building Our Future: Together We Succeed*. It will feature Dr. Larry Brendtro whose most recent book is *No Disposable Kids*. Brendtro will focus on *Reclaiming Youth* which "is a movement of professionals, citizens, parents, and policy leaders concerned with children and youth in conflict in home, school and community." Following lunch, there will be a session for members of the community to plan ways they can help address the problems facing today's youth.

On August 28, school will kick-off with a workshop for employees who will hear Dr. Brendtro in the morning and focus on the school's new dynamic plan in the afternoon.

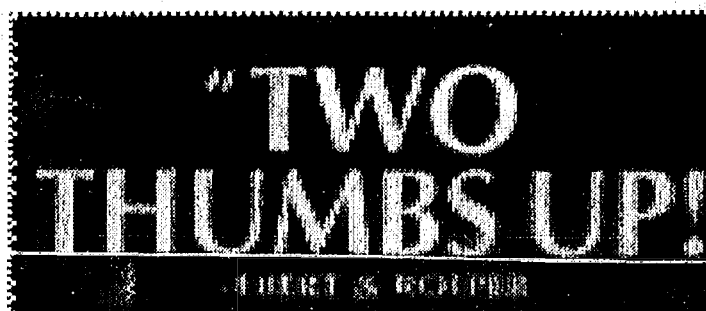
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OBITUARIES



Lyle M. Eastman

Nov. 4, 1904 - July 12, 2002

Lyle M. "Mike" Eastman, 97, of Grayling, and formerly of Midland, died Friday morning, July 12, at Mercy Manor in Grayling.

Lyle was born November 4, 1904, on his parent's farm on the banks of the Pine River. He was the son of John and Viola (Snyder) Eastman. Lyle married the former Gladys Sherwood on August 25, 1926, and lived happily together for 70 years.

Mr. Eastman had worked on his father's farm, attended Michigan State, delivered milk, and worked at the Ford Motor company on the new 5 dollar a day program, for five years, but later retired from The Dow Chemical Company after 30 years of service. Lyle had lived on the Wheeler farm that he and his mother had owned from 1927 until 1978, residing in Midland until 2001, when he left to be closer to his family "up North." He enjoyed farming, gardening, but most of all, he loved his Lord.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Gladys, brother, Claude Eastman, and sister Ina Kennett.

He is survived by his son David (Judy) Eastman of Grayling and daughter Patricia (Donald) McNier of Vanderbilt.

He leaves behind grandchildren: Kristine (Joseph) Walko, Heidi (Joel) Lewis, Michele (Christoph) Shafer, Kila McNier, Brad (Lisa) McNier, and Genee McNier; great-grandchildren: Jessica and Jacob Lewis, Amanda and Logan Walko, Mariah Shafer, and Allison McNier.

Funeral services were Tuesday, July 16 at Ware-Smith Woollever Funeral Chapel in Midland with David Saylor officiating. Burial was at Ridge Lawn Cemetery in Breckenridge. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider Mercy Manor, Grayling.

Arrangements by Ware-Smith Woollever Funeral Chapel, Midland.

Jacqueline F. Ketchum

June 21, 1933 - July 18, 2002

Jacqueline F. Ketchum, 69, of Fife Lake, died Thursday, July 18 at her home. She was born June 21, 1933 in Sheridan to Earl S. and Lena L. (Snyder) Wilson. She married Kay A. Ketchum on July 21, 1954 in Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. Ketchum had been a long-time resident of the Fife Lake/Grayling area, formerly of Gobles. She retired from a career in nursing, was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and formerly played on the Grand Rapids Chicks, a semi-pro women's softball league.

She is survived by her husband Kay, children Jelaine (Dan) Shutes of Harrisburg, Oregon, Michael (Constance) Ketchum of Grayling, Patrick Ketchum of Athens, Alabama and Jodie Martin of Harrisburg, Oregon.

She also leaves behind 12 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Monday, July 22 at Stebbins & Simpson Funeral Home, with Pastor Robert Jourdan officiating. Interment was at the Sheridan Cemetery, Sheridan. The family suggests memorial considerations go to the Animal Shelter of Crawford County.

Arrangements by Stebbins & Simpson Funeral Home, Sheridan.

Ottavio A. Pellegrini Jr.

May 1, 1943 - July 16, 2002

Ottavio Armando Pellegrini Jr., 59, of South Branch Township, died Tuesday, July 16 at his home. He was born May 1, 1943 in Detroit to Ottavio Armando Sr. and Mary Donna (Salveta) Pellegrini. Mr. Pellegrini married the former Kitty Slater on June 8, 1963 in Hazel Park.

He moved to Grayling in 1975 from Milford. He was the owner and operator of a contracting business.

He enjoyed hunting of all kinds and fishing. He was a woodworker.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife Kitty, three sons: John Anthony of Algonac, Edwin Robert of Higgins Lake and Michael Lawrence (Lana) of New York. He leaves behind four grandchildren, brother Bartolomeo Michael Pellegrini of Grayling and niece Sabrina and nephews Stephan and Airman First Class Silvio.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, July 26 at Lovells Chapel, at 5 p.m., with Pastor Dean Coursey officiating.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.



Fate Marie Newport

Feb. 22, 2002 - July 22, 2002

Fate Marie Newport, infant, died Monday, July 22 at Mercy Hospital. Fate, daughter of Robert Dean, II and Dawn Marie (Adloff) Newport, was born in Grayling on February 22, 2002.

Funeral services will be Thursday, July 25 at 11 a.m. at Sorenson Funeral Home. Pastor Joseph Carpenter will be officiating with burial at Elmwood Cemetery.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

H. Lee Nolan

March 12, 1933 - July 17, 2002

H. Lee Nolan, 69, of Grand Ledge, died Wednesday, July 17 in his home. He was born in Roscommon on March 12, 1933 to E. Howard and Pearl (Love) Nolan. He married the former Christine Sales Armbrust in December 1968.

Previously of Grayling, Mr. Nolan lived in Grand Ledge since 1968. He retired from the State of Michigan as an Auditor. He was a member of the American Legion Post #106. Mr. Nolan served his country in the U.S. Air Force.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife Christine.

He is survived by one son: Timothy P. Nolan of Grand Ledge, three step-sons: Steve, Robert, and James Armbrust all of California and one sister, Faith (Ed) Schultz of Grayling.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 20 at Sorenson Funeral Home with Pastor Wayne Knockel officiating. Burial was at Elmwood Cemetery.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

Thomas E. Drouillard

July 21, 2002

Thomas E. Drouillard, age 65, of Grayling, died Sunday, July 21. Funeral services will be Wednesday, July 24 at 10 a.m. at Sorenson Funeral Home.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

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The Grayling Police Department handled the following 77 complaints during the week of July 14 through July 20:

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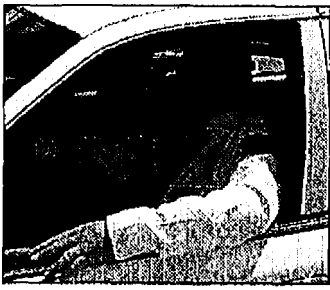
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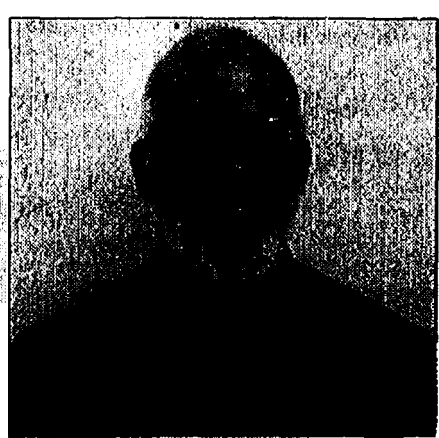


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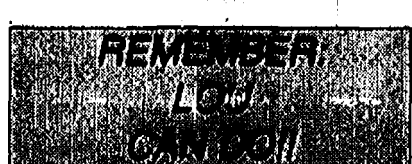
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Safety Town students celebrate graduation



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With the help of many adults and donations, about 25 youngsters learned about safety on the streets and at home during a two-week course in the newly created Safety Town program on July 19 at the AuSable Primary School. The graduates and their families enjoyed celebratory cake after the children received their diplomas. Shown with the students are just a few of the adults who helped make the program possible: Eagles president Bob Pollack, Grayling Police Officer Karl DeVries, Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield, Yettev Szkotnicki, and Grayling Police Officer and program coordinator Tim Coe.

Canoe race to start on Saturday

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among the participants and fans alike during the frenzied start of the race, which has been described as the most intense two minutes in competitive sports. More than 50,000 fans will cheer on the gritty Marathon canoe racing competitors at various points throughout the race. The heartiest fans drive the full length of the AuSable River course from Grayling to Oscoda, moving from one viewing location to the next at public landings, bridges, and hydroelectric dam portages to cheer on their favorite teams.

Staged since 1947, the AuSable Marathon was an ultra-endurance event long before ultra-endurance became "cool." The two-person teams must portage six hydroelectric dams plus battle the darkness, the river's natural obstructions, the weather, and the sheer exhaustion brought on by paddling their light-weight hi-tech kevlar or carbon-fiber canoes at a torrid pace. They receive no assistance except food, drink and, perhaps, a dry shirt passed to them by their "feeders" or "bankrunners" at points along the course.

AuSable River Canoe Marathon fans are treated to the highest level

of marathon canoe racing competition in North America as top canoe marathon competitors from throughout the U.S. and Canada will be competing in the event. The 2002 AuSable Marathon field boasts entries from 15 U.S. states and Canadian provinces.

Also in the 2002 AuSable Marathon field is one of the top marathon canoe racers from Belize. Armin Lopez, 29, of San Ignacio, Belize, will be making his first AuSable Marathon appearance with Steve Landick, 49, of Marquette, Michigan.

Simply completing the 120-mile non-stop race in qualifying time (less than 19 hours) is a significant accomplishment. The already daunting task is even tougher for teams from outside the AuSable River region who must paddle the unfamiliar twisting upper course through the night. Many of the teams entered in the race arrived in Grayling a number of days in advance of the race in order to paddle and familiarize themselves with various sections of the AuSable River course and to learn where flowing shortcuts are that will save valuable minutes and seconds during the race.

While water levels are higher this year than they were in 2001, there seems to be little chance that the Marathon's all-time record is in jeopardy of being broken this year. Quebec's Serge Corbin, 45, a 15-time AuSable Marathon winner, set the record time of 13:58:08 (13 hours, 58 minutes, 8 seconds) with Saskatchewan's Solomon Carriere in 1994. Corbin is teamed with a local favorite, Jeff Kolka, 43, of Grayling, Michigan, as the pair attempts an unbelievable and unprecedented seventh consecutive victory on the tough AuSable course.

Not only have the powerful

Kolka-Corbin duo been on a roll at the Weyerhaeuser AuSable Marathon, in 2000 and 2001 they also won New York's General Clinton Canoe Regatta and Quebec's La Classique de Canots en-route to a three-victory sweep of the Triple Crown of Canoe Racing. The pair picked up this year right where they left off in 2001, taking a 47-second victory (7 hours, 19 minutes, 13 seconds) at the New York race Memorial Day weekend over Al Rudquist, of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, and his partner Tim Triebold, of Spring Harbor, Michigan.

Corbin has won or shared (with his partner) the Triple Crown of Canoe Racing championship every year since its inception in 1992. He has clearly been the preeminent marathon canoe racer in North America for more than 20 years. His record is astounding, rising above the level achieved by dominant athletes in other sports. During his 24 years in marathon canoe racing, with a variety of partners, Corbin has won 90% of the major canoe races he has entered!

Among the teams expected to challenge Kolka and Corbin, the reigning AuSable Marathon champs, are two Northern Michigan paddlers who have each previously finished second in the race: Bill Toronto, 40, of Roscommon, Michigan, and his partner John Sullivan, 32, of Grayling, Michigan. Other teams expected to challenge for top-five finishes and, perhaps, compete for the crown include:

- Jim Harwood, 37, of Grayling, Michigan, who is a past AuSable Marathon winner, and his partner Tim Valko, 33, of Pinckney, Michigan;

- Bruce Barton, 45, of Homer, Michigan, and Steve Lajoie, 26, of Vaudreuil-Sur-Le-Lac, Quebec;

- Mo Harwood, 23, of Grayling,

Michigan, and Matt Rimer, 18, of Horton, Michigan;

- Rick Joy, 43, of Silverwood, Michigan, who has been a consistent top-five finisher at the Marathon, and Ted Kolka, 36, of Grayling, Michigan. Ted is marathon champ Jeff Kolka's brother.

While many fans will focus on the battle for the top positions, there will be plenty of attention directed toward other teams as well. Many fans will be cheering on Al Widing Sr., 77, of Mio, Michigan and his partner, Bernie Tuszynski, 45, of Gaylord. Widing, known among Marathon canoe racing fans as "Amazing Al," started racing the Marathon in 1955 and has competed in the race in six decades. He will likely be adding to his long list of AuSable Marathon accomplishments.

Widing has entered and finished more AuSable Marathons than anyone and finished as high as 2nd. The veteran sets a steady pace throughout the 120-mile race and admits that it is "kind of fun" to pass younger competitors later in the race as their energy levels and endurance begin to ebb.

Two brothers from Grayling, Michigan, make up the youngest team entered in the 2002 Marathon: Ryan Halstead, 15, and Rodney Halstead, 17, who are competing in the Amateur Division.

AuSable River Canoe Marathon competitive action kicks off with the Sprints for Position at Penrods Resort in Grayling on Thursday and Friday afternoon, July 25-26. The sprints are much like "Indy 500" pole-position qualifying: Each team paddles a short looped course, their lap time determines their starting row position for the LeMans style run to the river that starts the Marathon on Saturday night.


Extensive information, photographs, course maps and frequently updated race results for the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon are also available on the world-wide web at:

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The Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon is held in conjunction with Grayling's "AuSable River Festival" and Oscoda's "AuSable River Days," featuring a host of events throughout Marathon week. The celebrations recognize the unique importance of the AuSable River to these northern Michigan communities. For more information about the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon and festivals, or for information about tourism and recreational opportunities in the AuSable River valley area, contact:

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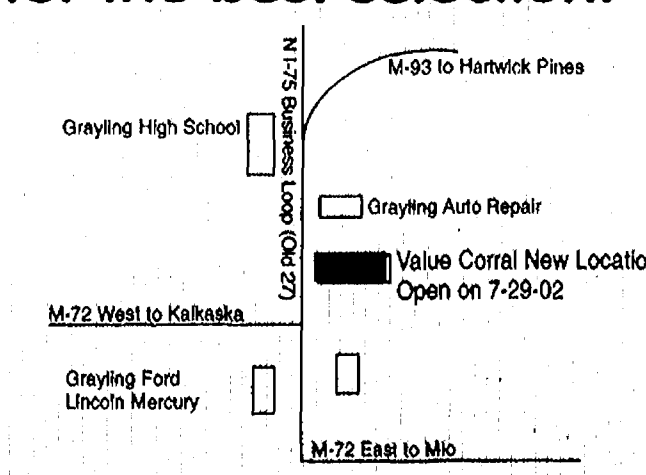
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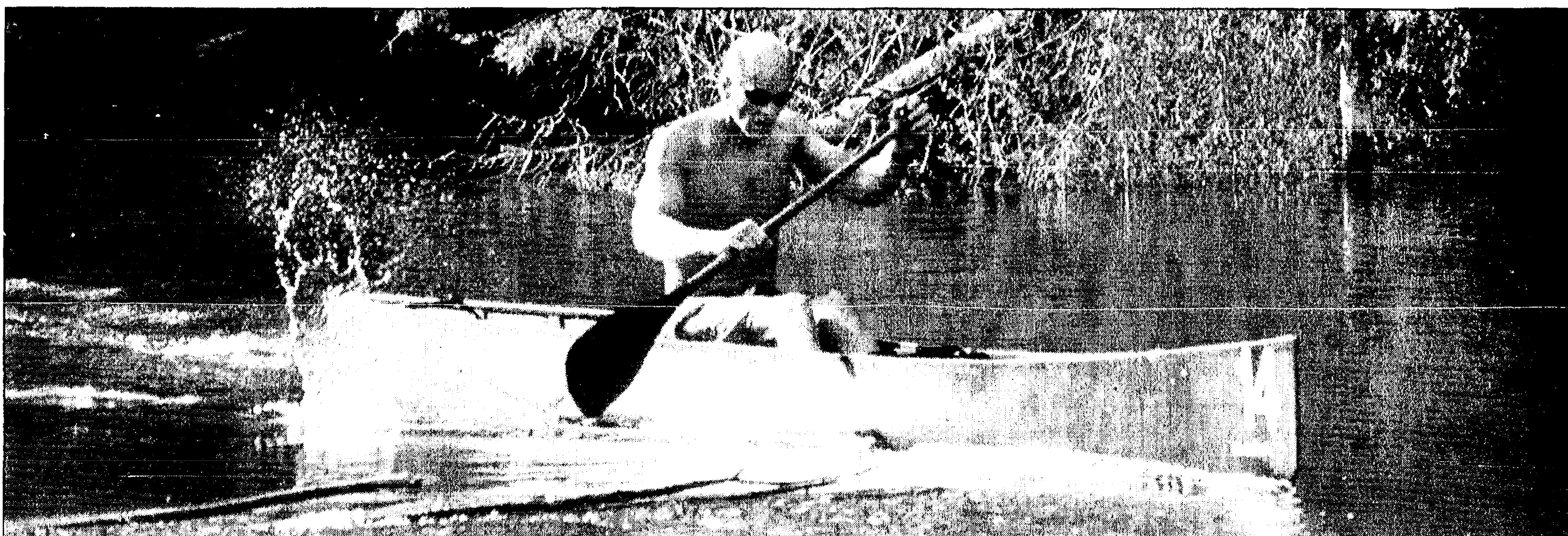
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A Weekend of Canoe Racing

Spike's Challenge events held on July 20-21



Photos by Caleb Casey

Andy Triebold and Tim Triebold arrive at the Spike's Challenge C-2 race finish line at McMasters Bridge. The Triebolds finished second in the race, less than one minute behind the winners. For more on the C-2 race, including a list of final results, see Pages 4-5B.



Mo Harwood and Matt Rimer paddle in sprints for position on Saturday. Harwood and Rimer posted the third best sprint time of the day, and they finished third in the C-2 race on Sunday. For more on sprints, see Pages 6-7B.

Local artists design Marathon program cover, T-shirts

A special edition AuSable River Canoe Marathon T-shirt that is decorated with a design by a local artist goes on sale this Friday at the Marathon Merchandise Outlet located at the corner of Peninsular and Michigan (formerly the Crown Jewelers building).

The T-shirt will only be sold for two days: Friday (at the Marathon Outlet) and Saturday (after 2 p.m. at Ray's Canoe Livery).

The artist who designed the shirt, Anthony Neal, 15, of Grayling, will be present at both vending locations to sign shirts and marathon programs. (The design on the shirt is the same as this year's program cover.)

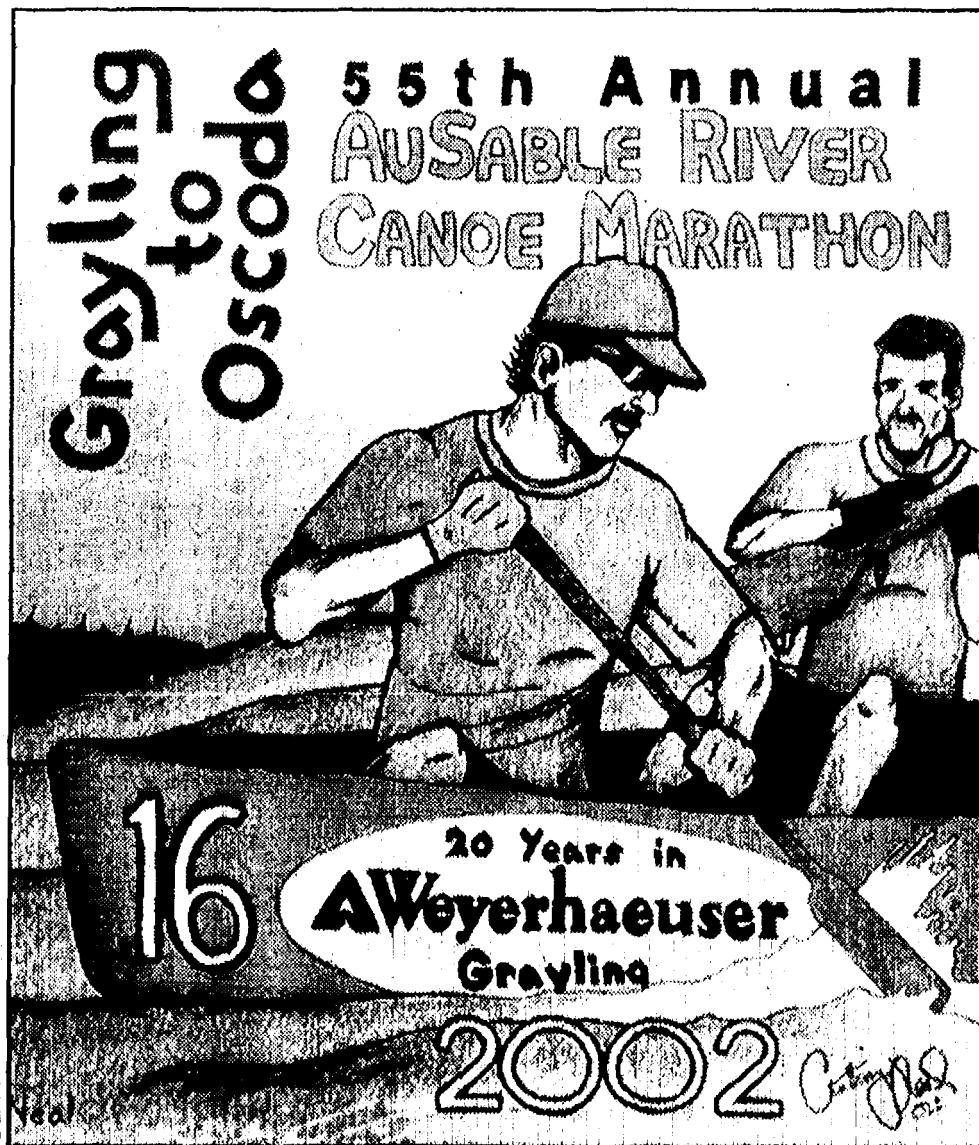
The AuSable Marathon Committee recruited Neal to do the cover art for the 2002 marathon program, and liked his design enough to have it put on a special edition T-shirt.

Neal, a Grayling High School student, did the work as a community service project. The time spent on it will count toward his community service graduation requirement.

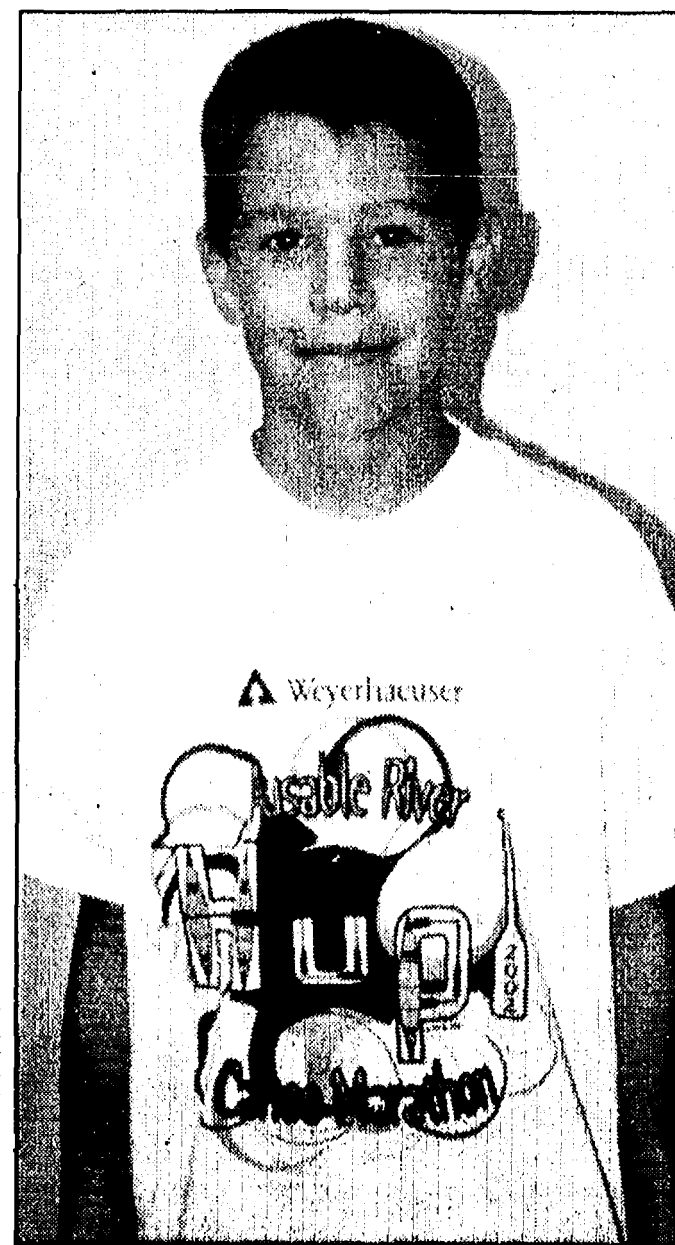
Neal has had an interest in art since a very young age. In 8th grade he took an art class at Kirtland Community College and had some of his work displayed at art shows.

He has been published twice: he had a drawing in *Sports Illustrated for Kids*; and he had a drawing in a book of children's art entitled *Raindrops and Lollipops*. (*Raindrops and Lollipops* is available at the Crawford County Library if anyone is interested in viewing it.)

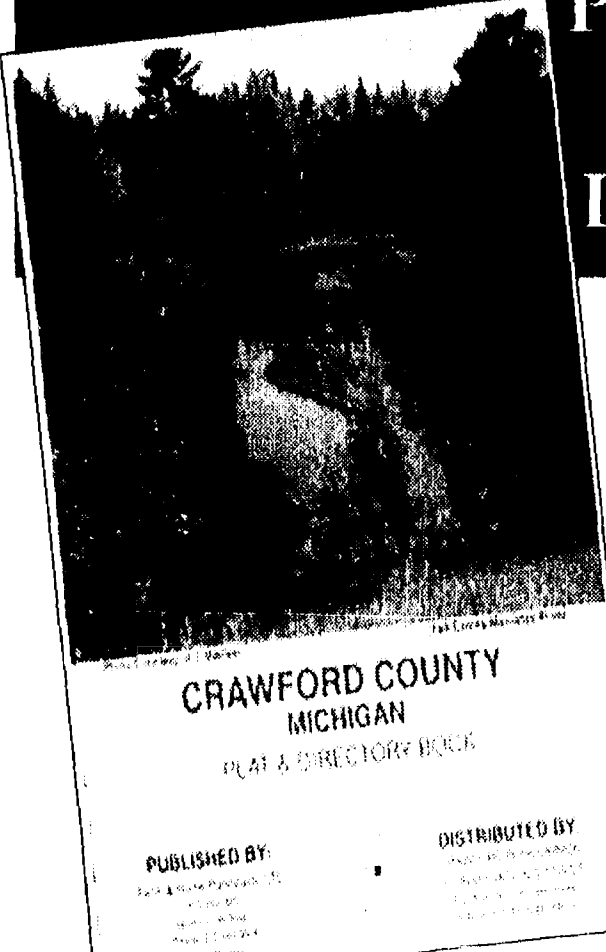
Neal, a sophomore, plans to attend art school after graduating from GHS.



The cover of the 2002 AuSable River Canoe Marathon program was designed by local artist Anthony Neal.



Ten-year old Austin Weiler designed this year's AuSable Marathon T-shirt. He overheard his father, Phil, talking about the marathon t-shirt and decided to submit a design of his own. His father showed it to the other committee members without telling them who submitted it. They thought the command *Hup* formed with canoes and paddles was clearly the best. Austin's initials are on the front of the T-shirt, just below *Hup*. He said he is excited about winning but is also happy that this year, for the first time, he will be allowed to follow the race all night and greet the winners in Oscoda.



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Hartwick Pines recently held its annual Woodshaving Days on July 20-21. The event, which was sponsored by the Friends of Hartwick Pines, featured woodcarvers and other woodworking crafts including blacksmiths, timber framing, rope-making, wool spinning, weaving, and also the operation of Hartwick Pines' historic sawmill.



Sign-up meeting set for GHS football

Any Grayling High School students entering grades 9-12 that are interested in playing football this fall should attend a sign-up meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 31, at 9 p.m. at Viking Stadium.

The meeting will last about an

hour, Coach Scott Cousineau said. Information about the upcoming season - including practices and scheduling - will be discussed.

The football teams start practice on August 12 and the first games are scheduled for August 29 and 30.

COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

by Donna Thomson

Wednesday Ladies Golf League

The Wednesday ladies had another beautiful, sunny day for play on July 18. We desperately need the rain though to keep the course looking nice and green. I would like a lot of rain when I'm sleeping.

Today was an outstanding day for some. In Flight A, Treva McClanahan had a low net of 29 and Mary Jane Knibbs had low putts of 14. In Flight B, Bev Zimmerman had a low net of 30 and Bev McNamara had low putts of 14. In Flight C, Sherry Hanson had a low net of 31 and Diana Doremire had low putts of 14. In Flight D,

Bev Ludeman had a low net of 29 and she tied with Sue Brenner for low putts of 16.

This was an awesome day for Treva McClanahan, as she had two birdies - one on #4 and one on #5.

There were also two chip-ins today. They were by Bev McNamara on #5 and Jeanne Thompson on #1. The Cornell Agency umbrella went to Diana Doremire for the longest putt on #9.

After a cool lunch of chicken salad, we all sang "Happy 80th Birthday" to Mary Jane Knibbs and enjoyed a delicious chocolate cake. So again, "Happy Birthday" good friend, and that's all "fore" now.

SOUTH HIGGINS LAKE STATE PARK

South Higgins Lake State Park is offering the following Michigan State Parks Adventure Program events:

Friday, July 26 - Dragonfly Daze, 11 a.m., learn about these creatures and maybe catch a few too, meet at Marl Lake; **Fishy Facts**, 3 p.m., learn about fish through activities, meet at Marl Lake;

Saturday, July 20 - Discovery Hike, 11 a.m., explore the forest through activities, meet at Marl Lake; **Weds & Weavers**, 3 p.m., learn about spiders and go on a scavenger hunt, meet at Marl Lake; **Most programs last one hour. People of all ages are welcome, but children under the age of eight must be accompanied by an adult.**

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A group of C-1 canoe racers leaves Borchers on Saturday, July 20. The Spike's Challenge paddlers departed from the starting line in four separate heats. Photos by Caleb Casey

Spike's Challenge: C-1 Canoe Race

► Only 7 seconds separate the first and second place finishers

The overall winner of this year's Spike's Challenge C-1 race, Bill Torongo, defeated his closest competitor, Brett Stockton, by just seven seconds in a close race.

Connie Cannon won the women's division with a time of 47:14.9.

The race - held on Saturday, July 20 - went from Borchers AuSable Canoeing to Burton's Landing.

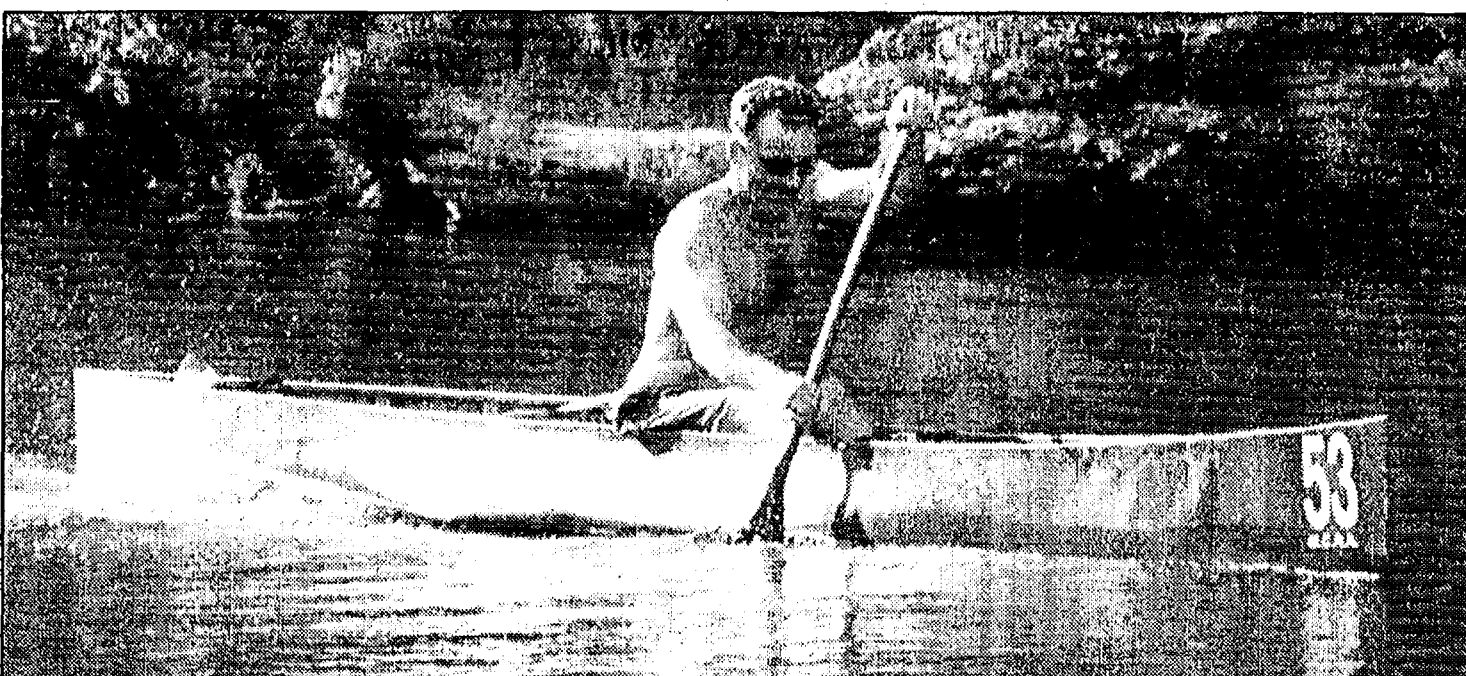
The final results are as follows:

Men's Division		
(Place, Canoe #, Name, Time)		
1. (14) Bill Torongo	44:03.5	
2. (53) Brett Stockton	44:10.1	
3. (13) Jeff Rankinen	45:42.7	
4. (25) Tom Cannon	45:53.4	
5. (6) Joe Shaw	46:31.4	
6. (L) Kevin Roy	46:40.9	
7. (33) John Hollands	47:19.4	
8. (180) Doug Gillin	47:35.0	
9. (B) Brad Taggett	47:39.6	
10. (27) Dwight Walker	49:00.4	
11. (111) Bill Brundage	49:02.3	
12. (104) Jerry Killingbeck	49:24.2	
13. (122) Glenn Walquist	49:30.4	
14. (129) Bruce Byrnes	49:45.5	
15. (99) William Fick	50:11.6	
16. (147) Russ Reker	50:29.3	
17. (861) Brian Royce	51:34.5	
18. (161) Jason Kent	52:46.8	
19. (155) Forest Haines	53:36.7	
20. (G100) Gareth Stevens	53:38.4	
21. (141) Max Rimer	53:43.0	
22. (70) P.C. Randolph	55:06.0	
23. (83) John Hunter	55:36.6	
24. (46) Tom Gardner	55:41.3	
25. (95) Rick Gillings	56:37.0	
26. (141A) Chris Scully	56:45.4	
27. (63) John Funderburg	56:47.0	
28. (107) Garth Greenan	58:34.5	
29. (157) Joe Webb	59:48.3	
30. (165) Tom Hammond	1:00:49	
31. (1041) Jason Burke	1:04:54	
32. (H) Phillip Randolph	1:08:31	
33. (9) Al Widing Sr.	Drop	
34. (102) Ross Maunders	Drop	
35. (N/A) Matthew Ashton	Drop	
36. (N/A) Mike Hartman	Drop	


Women's Division		
(Place, Canoe #, Name, Time)		
1. (10) Connie Cannon	47:14.9	
2. (121) Laura Waldo	48:56.5	
3. (Z) Beth Schluter	51:04.7	
4. (X) Katy Manizza	51:07.9	
5. (124) Lynne Witte	53:15.2	
6. (7) Dena Kurt	53:41.8	
7. (69) Sara Cockrell	56:31.6	
8. (58) Cassie Webb	58:48.0	
9. (150) Sarah Webb	58:55.9	
10. (A) Janet Perry	59:06.5	
11. (37) Rebecca Barton	1:08:02	
12. (105) Roxanne Barton	1:08:02	



Connie Cannon finishes first in the women's division of Saturday's Spike's Challenge C-1 canoe race.



Brett Stockton was the second paddler to reach the finish line at Burton's Landing on Saturday. He finished just seven seconds behind the winner, Bill Torongo.




FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

HALLUX RIGIDUS

Hallux rigidus is a degenerative condition that causes arthritic symptoms in the metatarsal-phalangeal (MTP) joint, located at the base of the big toe. Patients often experience hallux rigidus after an injury, but it can develop idiopathically (from an unknown cause). If the articular cartilage covering the MTP joint becomes damaged from an injury, it can wear down over time. Eventually, bone rubs against bone, and bone spurs may form. The patient suffers immobility in the joint and has trouble bending the toe upward while walking, causing pain as the foot cannot easily "roll through" its forward motion. Hallux rigidus can be treated with anti-inflammatory medications, customized shoes with a rocking sole, and/or cortisone injections. Surgery may also be recommended.



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Spike's Challenge: C-2 Canoe Race



Photo by Caleb Casey

Canoes pour into the AuSable River at Ray's during the start of the 2002 Spike's Challenge C-2 race on Sunday, July 21. The start of the race was delayed due to heavy rain and lightning, but the paddlers got in the water at about 9:30 a.m. and headed for the finish line at McMasters Bridge. For results of the C-2 race, see Page 5B.

FISHING REPORT

Rivers: Fishing has been good on the Manistee River. There are still a few late hex hatches near Yellow Trees, but they will be short-lived. On the AuSable, anglers are using Robert's Drake flies and some grasshoppers.

(Information courtesy of Skip's Sport Shop.)

Lakes: Walleye fishing has been very good on Lake Margrethe. About every other walleye has been a keeper. Try trolling with a wally diver or rapala after dark in about 15 feet of water near the edge of the drop-off using a bottom bouncer. A few pike have been caught on Margrethe using sucker minnows with a bobber. A few perch have been caught at the south end of the lake.

Section One Lake has been decent for bass. Try using top-water baits like poppers or Michigan spiders.

Anglers have been getting good numbers of bluegill on Houghton Lake using waxworms and Michigan spiders.

Hardgrove Lake has been good for bluegill and walleye, and Lonesome Lake has been yielding a few bluegill.

(Information courtesy of Skip's Sport Shop.)

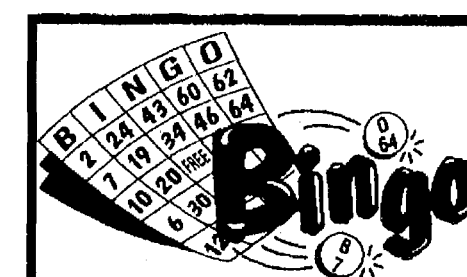
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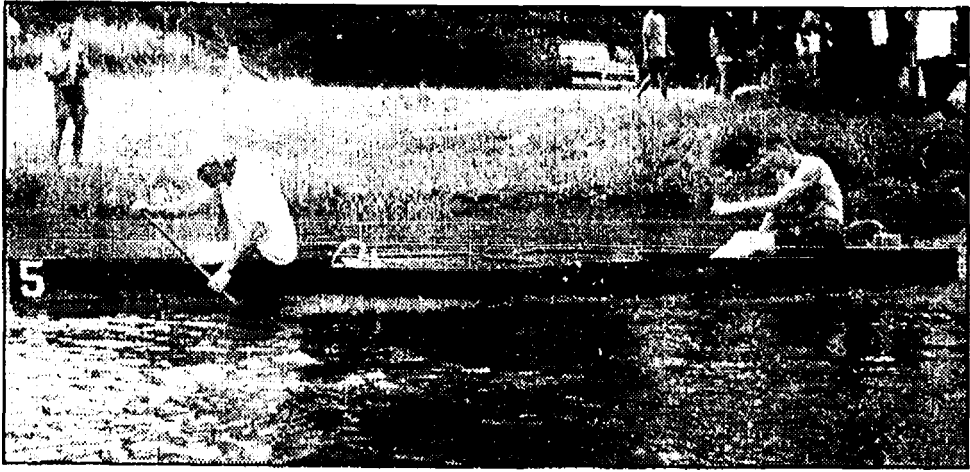
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Rick Joy and Ted Kolka finish the Spike's Challenge C-2 race in fourth place.



Bruce Barton and Jacob DuBois paddle to a fifth place finish in Sunday's race.

Spike's Challenge: C-2 Canoe Race

► Kolka & Corbin edged Triebolds in a tight race after rain delays Sunday's start

Despite some bad weather conditions early Sunday morning, over 50 teams finished the 2002 Spike's Challenge C-2 canoe race.

The overall winners were Jeff Kolka and Serge Corbin, who as a team are the current six-time defending AuSable River Canoe Marathon champions.

Corbin and Kolka edged the second place team of Tim Triebold and Andy Triebold by less than one minute. The Triebolds led by a few seconds at Stephan Bridge - roughly the halfway point of the race.

Mo Harwood and Matt Rimer, who were just behind the Triebolds and Kolka and Corbin at Stephan,

kept pace and finished third.

Ted Kolka and Rick Joy finished fourth, about six minutes behind the leaders, and fifth place finishers Bruce Barton and Jacob DuBois came in a minute after Kolka and Joy.

Rodney Halstead and Ryan Halstead won the Spike's Challenge C-2 Amateur Division with a time of 3:07:45. Lee Barnett and Robert Reed finished second.

The C-2 race got underway about 30 minutes late due to heavy rain and lightning on the morning of the race - Sunday, July 21. The paddlers finally got into the river at Ray's Canoe Livery at about 9:30 a.m., and the rain held off long enough for the racers to reach the finish line at McMaisters Bridge.

Complete results of the 2002 Spike's Challenge C-2 race - Expert and Amateur Divisions - are listed on this page.

Spike's Challenge 2002 Race Results

The following are the final results of the 2002 Spike's Challenge C-2 canoe race held on Sunday, July 21:

C-2 EXPERT CLASS

(Place, Canoe #, Name, Time)

1	16	Jeff Kolka - Serge Corbin	2:39:27
2	30	Tim Triebold - Andy Triebold	2:40:03
3	41	Matt Rimer - Mo Harwood	2:42:12
4	21	Ted Kolka - Rick Joy	2:45:32
5	5	Bruce Barton - Jacob DuBois	2:46:24
6	60	Mark Bialek - Tom Trudgeon	2:49:29
7	35	Pete Mead - Al Widing, Jr.	2:49:31
8	66	Steve Watson - Al Shaver	2:50:48
9	82	Clark Kent - Erich Podjaske	2:51:55
10	2	Jim Harwood - Tim Valko	2:52:45
11	71	Dan Klinkhamer - Bill DuBois	2:53:01
12	96	Jeff Rankinen - Joe Shaw	2:53:57
13	P9	Nicholas Bauer - Brad Bauer	2:54:31
14	57	Jon Webb - Doug Loward	2:56:12
15	10	Tom Cannon - Connor Cannon	2:56:18
16	58	Laura Waldo - Glenn W. Quist	2:57:06
17	8	Matthew Ashton - Nick D'Amour	2:57:40
18	28	Steven Landick - Armin Lopez	2:58:09
19	M	Dwayne Barnes - Amy Solak	2:58:40
20	43	Mike Hartman - Colin Hunter	2:59:10
21	9	Al Widing Sr. - Bernie Tuszynski	3:02:15
22	7	Andy Melnychenko - Lori Roseboom	3:02:47
23	64	Blaise St. Pierre - Joseph Seifert	3:04:13
24	40	Fred Mills - Ted Smutek	3:05:26
25	99	Doug Gillin - William Pick	3:06:07
26	36	Mike Garon - Dave Timmerman	3:07:37
27	42	Phil Trudgeon - Jon Thompson	3:07:44
28	X	Beth Schluter - Kevin LeRoy	3:07:53
29	6	Doug Van Meter - Max Rimer	3:08:59
30	34	Mandy Trudgeon - Lynn Capen	3:11:18
31	54	Kathy Manizza - Lynne Witte	3:11:47
32	83	Ray Bauer - Tom Ackemyer	3:13:53
33	15	Brad Taggett - Dena Kurt	3:17:04
34	0	Robert Bradford - David Phelps	3:17:34
35	146	Frank Smutek - Ashley Marsh	3:18:15
36	53	Dale Newton - Ray Quick	3:19:10
37	19	Tim Feldkamp - Doug Heady	3:20:50
38	27	Mark Rimer - Dwight Walker	3:20:58
39	P2	Gareth Stevens - Janet Perry	3:22:12
40	90	Robert Smith - Jason Snell	3:22:42
41	61	Chuck Hewitt - Paul Cormier	3:23:19
42	96	Jason Kent - Kandi Lannen	3:24:21
43	69	Sara Cockrell - Debbie Perry	3:25:58
44	101	Andy Addis - Brett Addis	3:32:39
45	70	P.C. Randolph - Philip Randolph	Drop

C-2 AMATEUR CLASS

1	167A	Rodney Halstead - Ryan Halstead	3:07:45
2	120	Lee Barnett - Robert Reed	3:12:59
3	130	Bob Stockton - Alfred Borchers	3:16:49
4	131	Don Starks - Brian Borchers	3:35:10
5	7	Melinda Rimer - Cassie Webb	3:49:16
6	190A	Linda Taber - Frank Taber	3:50:00
7	150	Randy Boody - Cathy Boody	4:20:50



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Mark Bialek and Tom Trudgeon just ahead of Pete Mead and Al Widing Jr. on Sunday. The teams finished 6th and 7th.

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► Top 3 sprinters finish in same order during Sunday's C-2 canoe race

The 2002 Spike's Challenge C-2 race sprints for position, which determine placements for the running start on race day, are like a miniature canoe race – a separate competition that has two-person canoe teams navigating a looped course on the AuSable River millpond in the city park.

Teams start on the millpond at the park, paddle upstream through the tricky bridge area under the railroad tracks, go around the halfway mark buoy near the Crawford County Courthouse, then paddle downstream back through the course to the starting line.

The fastest paddlers complete the course in about four-and-a-half to five minutes.

The sprints – held on Saturday, July 20, this year – gave spectators and AuSable River Canoe Marathon enthusiasts an early look at marathon paddlers and offered them an opportunity to cheer for the Spike's Challenge racers on the day before the race.

This year's sprints were a good forecast of the race outcome. The first three C-2 finishers – Jeff Kolka and Serge Corbin (1st), Tim Triebold and Andy Triebold (2nd), and Matt Rimer and Mo Harwood (3rd) – finished in the same order at sprints.

The top 10 C-2 race finishers all posted times in the top 10 at sprints for position.

Complete sprints for position results are listed on this page.

The complete results of Saturday's C-2 sprints for position event are as follows. (Note: Paddlers racing in the "Amateur" division did not have to sprint. Also, four teams that raced in the Spike's Challenge C-2 event did not sprint.)

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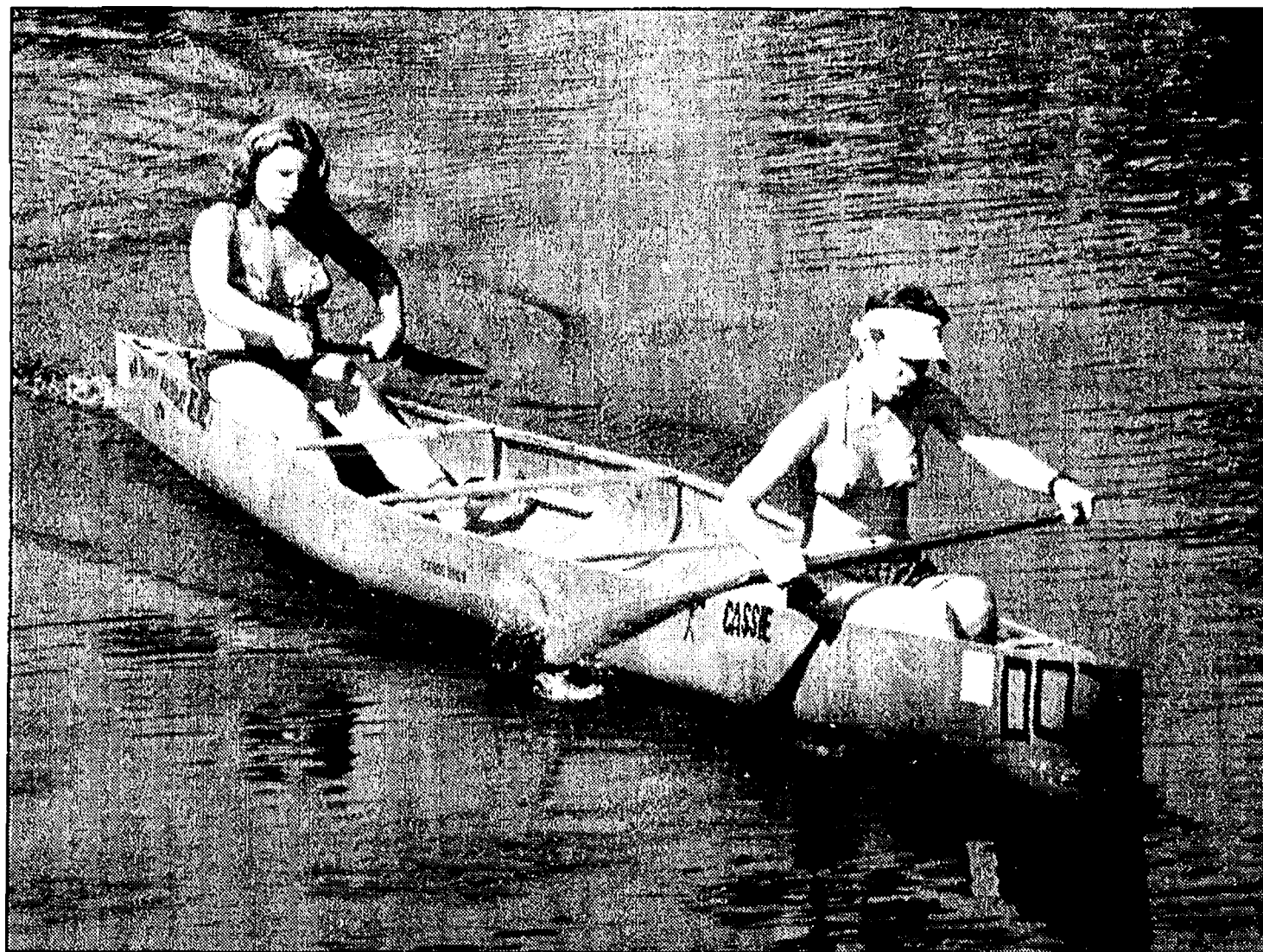
(Place, Canoe #, Name, Name, Sprint Time)

1.	(16)	Jeff Kolka - Serge Corbin	04:26.0
2.	(30)	Tim Triebold - Andy Triebold	04:27.6
3.	(41)	Matt Rimer - Mo Harwood	04:28.5
4.	(2)	Jim Harwood, Tim Valko	04:41.0
5.	(5)	Bruce Barton, Jacob DuBois	04:41.1
6.	(66)	Steve Watson, Al Shaver	04:43.1
7.	(82)	Ted Kolka, Rick Joy	04:44.6
8.	(21)	Clark Kent, Erich Podjaske	04:46.6
9.	(35)	Pete Mead, Al Widing, Jr.	04:46.8
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12.	(P6)	Jeff Rankinen - Joe Shaw	04:52.9
13.	(71)	Dan Klinkhamer - Bill DuBois	04:56.1
14.	(58)	Laura Waldo - Glenn Walquist	04:57.9
15.	(57)	Jon Webb - Doug Howard	05:01.2
16.	(M)	Dwayne Barnes - Amy Solak	05:01.7
17.	(10)	Tom Cannon - Connie Cannon	05:03.9
18.	(8)	Matthew Ashton - Nick D'Amour	05:04.2
19.	(28)	Steven Landick - Armin Lopez	05:05.7
20.	(99)	Doug Gillin - William Fick	05:06.6
21.	(40)	Fred Mills - Ted Smutek	05:06.9
22.	(43)	Mike Hartman - Colin Hunter	05:12.5
23.	(X)	Beth Schluter - Kevin LeRoy	05:13.0
24.	(7)	Andy Melnychenko - Lori Roseboom	05:14.4
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26.	(83)	Ray Bauer - Tom Ackenmyer	05:17.3
27.	(36)	Mike Garon - Dave Timmerman	05:17.4
28.	(64)	Blaise St. Pierre - Joseph Scifert	05:18.0
29.	(42)	Phil Trudgeon - Jon Thompson	05:22.6
30.	(9)	Al Widing Sr. - Bernie Tuszyński	05:23.8
31.	(27)	Mark Rimer - Dwight Walker	05:29.5
32.	(19)	Tim Feldkamp - Doug Heady	05:33.3
33.	(15)	Brad Taggett - Dena Kurt	05:33.7
34.	(54)	Kathy Manizza - Lynne Witte	05:35.1
35.	(0)	Robert Bradford - David Phelps	05:39.3
36.	(53)	Dale Newton - Ray Quick	05:39.9
37.	(P2)	Gareth Stevens - Janet Perry	05:43.3
38.	(146)	Frank Smutek - Ashley Marsh	05:52.2
39.	(61)	Chuck Hewitt - Paul Cormier	05:52.9
40.	(101)	Andy Addis - Brett Addis	06:07.3
41.	(70)	P.C Randolph - Philip Randolph	06:17.0
AMATEUR CLASS (Sprints for Position optional)			
1.	(7)	Melinda Rimer - Cassie Webb	06:44.9



Photos by Caleb Casey

(Above) Mike Hartman and Colin Hunter paddle in the Spike's Challenge sprints for position on Saturday, July 20. (Right) Cassie Webb and Melinda Rimer paddle back towards the railroad bridge on the way to the finish line at sprints. Webb and Rimer were the only Amateur Class paddlers that opted to sprint.



(Note: For more on the Spike's Challenge sprints for position, see Page 7B.)



Bruce Barton and Jacob DuBois head for the finish line at sprints.

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Jon Thompson and Phil Trudgeon paddle the beginning of the sprints course on Saturday.



Rick Joy and Ted Kolka get started on the sprints course.



Bernie Tuszynski and Al Widing Sr. paddle towards the bridge at sprints for position this past weekend.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Nick D'Amour and Matthew Ashton near the finish line at Saturday's sprints for position competition.

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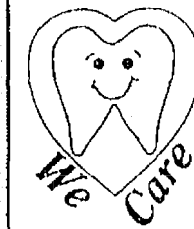
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LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Harry A. Thompson (original mortgagors) to Citizens Bank, Mortgage, dated February 14, 2001, and recorded on February 27, 2001 in Liber 529 on Page 379 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Nine and 18/100 dollars (\$54,989.18), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot numbered 13, Block 3, Grayling Park, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 26 and being situated in the part of Government Lot 4, Section 15, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, and in part of Government Lot 1, Section 15, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, all in Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 15, T26N, R4W; thence N00°32'00"W along East line of the plat of Oak Acres Park, recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 49, Crawford County Records, 657.84 feet (recorded as 658.00 feet) to the Northeast corner of said plat; thence S87°45'22"W (recorded as S87°48'00"W along the North line of Oak Acres Park and N89°14'W along the North line of Grayling Park being the same line indicated as the South 1/16th line of said Section 15) 927.52 feet; thence S11°09'02"E 33.59 feet to a found 1/2" bar, being the monumented position of the Northwest corner of Block 3 of said plat of Grayling Park; thence continuing S11°09'02"E along a line purported to be the East Right-of-Way of North Portage Avenue; thence S38°41'06"E along a line purported to be the East Right-of-Way of North Portage Avenue 19.88 feet (recorded as 25.5 feet) to a found 1/2" bar and cap purported to monument the position of the Northwest corner of Lot 13, Block 3 for a Point of Beginning; thence continuing S38°41'06"E 104.18 feet (recorded as 67.00 feet) to a found concrete monument purported to be the position of the Southeast corner of Block 3; thence N24°43'42"E along a line purported to be the Westerly Right-of-Way of Poplar Avenue 114.39 feet (recorded as 106.5 feet) to a set 1/2" X 18" steel bar and cap said bar set at a point purported to be an

angle point in the Westerly Right-of-Way of Poplar Avenue; thence S78°41'49"W along a line parallel to and 0.3+ feet South of an existing fence line purported to be the property line between Lots 12 and 13 of said Block 3, 115.20 feet (recorded as 85.00 feet) to the Point of Beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 25, 2002
For Information, please call:
Stallions 248-593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File#200121364
Stallions

-25-1-8-15-22

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 02-6471-DE
Estate of Betty Estella Mullen, Date of birth: 2/14/24

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, Betty E. Mullen, who lived at 10521 Indian Woods, Roscommon, Michigan died 7/15/02.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to George V. Tighe, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: July 15, 2002
George V. Tighe
5399 Sir Richard Dr.
Las Vegas, NV 89110
(702) 453-1925

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Timothy G. Coe and Patti L. Coe (original mortgagors) to Citizens Bank (f/k/a Grayling State Bank, Mortgage, dated January 12, 1996, and recorded on January 17, 1996 in Liber 406 on Page 62 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-five thousand nine hundred seventy and 34/100 dollars

(\$45,970.34), including interest at 7.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Crawford Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on September 4, 2002.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot(s) 10 and 11, Block 24, Roffee's Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 25, 2002
For Information, please call:
Cougars 248-593-1301
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Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
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MORTGAGE SALE

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Rick V. Corbin and Deborah K. Corbin, his wife FNA Rick V. Corbin and Deborah K. Love to Continuum Mortgage Corporation, Mortgage, dated October 8, 1998, and recorded on October 21, 1998, in Liber 466, on page 43 Crawford County Records, Michigan and assigned by said mortgagee to Manufacturers & Trader Trust Company, One M & T Plaza, NY 14203-2399, Trustee for Securitization Series 1998-4, Agreement dated 12/17/98, by an assignment dated February 15, 2001, and recorded on March 1, 2001, in Liber 529, on page 552 Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of forty one thousand two hundred one and 58/100 Dollars (\$41,201.58), including interest at 11.450% annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of County Building, Grayling, MI, at 10:00 a.m. on August 28, 2002.

Said premises are situated in Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:

Lots #229 and #230, Northern Heights, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 02 of Plats, Page 27, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 25, 2002
Manufacturers & Trader Trust Company, One M & T Plaza, NY 14203-2399, Trustee for Securitization Series 1998-4, Agreement dated 12/17/98
Assignee of Mortgage
Attorney for: Assignee of Mortgage
Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.
401 South Old Woodward Avenue
Suite 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616
For Information please call:
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-25-1-8-15

MORTGAGE SALE

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffrey T. Nisch and Lisa M. Nisch to the CIT Group/Consumer Finance Inc., Mortgage, dated June 23, 2000, and recorded on August 3, 2001, in Liber 0547, on page 005 Crawford County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to Altegra Credit Company, by an assignment dated August 5, 2000, and recorded on April 25, 2002, in Liber 579, on page 159 Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of eighty four thousand two hundred ninety four and 57/100 Dollars

(\$84,294.57), including interest at 11.740% annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of County Building, Grayling, MI, at 10:00 a.m. on August 28, 2002.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:

Commencing at the southeast corner of southwest 1/4 of Section 35, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, thence north 1320 feet, thence west 165 feet, thence south 660 feet, thence east 165 feet to the east line.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 25, 2002
Altegra Credit Company
Assignee of Mortgage
Attorney for: Assignee of Mortgage
Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.
401 South Old Woodward Avenue
Suite 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616
For Information please call:
(248) 540-7701

-25-1-8-15

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 02-6432-DE
Estate of Krystyn Lyn Bazzett, Date of birth: 09/17/81.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, Krystyn Lyn Bazzett, who lived at 4924 Warner Dr., Grayling, Michigan died 6/18/00.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Terri Snyder, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: June 25, 2002
Charlotte L. Allen P44524
222 N. Saginaw Rd., Suite 2
Midland, MI 48640
(989) 832-8096
Terri Snyder
4924 Warner Dr.
Grayling, MI 49738
(989) 348-1827

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Denise M. Elekonich of 2346 Peaceful Vista, Grayling, Michigan 49738, to Citizens Bank, a Michigan Corporation, of 101 N. Washington Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan 48607, dated January 29, 1999, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford in the State of Michigan on February 10, 1999, in Liber 474, Page(s) 195, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this Notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$186,622.44, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now therefore, Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, August 14, 2002, at 10:00 a.m., on the steps of the Courthouse in the County of Crawford, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said Mortgage, together with interest at 9.990% per annum, legal costs, attorney fees, and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgage, Citizens Bank, does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Land situated in the State of Michigan, County of Crawford, City of Grayling,

The easterly 38 feet of Lot 1, except the southerly 6.7 feet of Lot 1, Block 15 and the easterly 38 feet of the southerly 10 feet of Lot 2, Block 16, Original Plat of the Village, now City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 2, Crawford County Records.

Property Tax I. D. # 07-100-015-001-00
The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale or abandonment, if abandonment

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is to advise you and all interested persons that I have scheduled a Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing concerning a variance request from Larry Currison for a garage to be built on Lot 2, Block 11, Roffee's Addition (1001 Ogemaw) in the City of Grayling.

The Public Hearing to consider this matter is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on Monday, August 5, 2002 at the Grayling City Office, 5688 M-72 West. All interested parties are hereby requested to attend said Public Hearing and/or submit such data as may be pertinent to the case at hand. Data may be submitted to the Grayling City Office, 5688 M-72 W., P.O. Box 549, Grayling, Michigan 49738 and inquiries may be directed to City Manager Allen Lowe by calling 989-348-2131.

Kay Ellen King
City Clerk
07-16-02

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occurs after sale.

Dated June 25, 2002
Citizens Mortgage
Brandt, Fisher, Alward & Roy, P.C.
By: Thomas R. Alward (P31724)
Attorneys for Mortgage
1241 E. Eighth Street, P. O. Box 5817
Traverse City, Michigan 49696-5817
(231) 941-9660

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Terry Lee LaBeau and Jacqueline S. LaBeau (original mortgagors) to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated January 15, 2001, and recorded on April 20, 2001 in Liber 534 on Page 250 in Crawford County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Five and 23/100 Dollars (\$63,435.23), including interest at 13.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 A.M. on August 7, 2002.

Said premises are situated in City of Roscommon, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 30-1, more particularly described as the South 165 feet of Lot 30, Jonasson Subdivision No. 2, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 41, Crawford County Records. And Lot 30-B, more particularly described as Lot 30 of Jonasson Subdivision No. 2 except the South 165 Feet thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 41, Crawford County Records. And Parcel, 31-A, more particularly described as the South 165 Feet of Lot 31 of Jonasson Subdivision No. 2, as recorded in Liber 2, of Plats, Page 41, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 27, 2002
For Information, please call:
Dolphins 248-593-1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File#200219987
Dolphins

-27-4-11-18-25

MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William L. Hurd, a single man, to Colonial National Bank USA, a National Corporation, mortgagee, dated May 5, 1995 and recorded May 16, 1995 in Liber 393, Page 612-615, Crawford County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, As Custodian or Trustee, f/k/a Bankers Trust Company of California by assignment submitted to and recorded by Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Twenty-One thousand Nine Hundred Ten and 57/100 Dollars (\$21,910.57) including interest at the rate of 12% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on August 28, 2002.

The premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at a point on the Northerly side of M-93 which is South 67 degrees 14' West 634.0 feet from the intersection of said Northerly side of M-93 and the East line of Government Lot 3, Section 15, Town 26 North, Range 4 West; thence North 22 degrees 38' West 85 feet; thence South 67 degrees 14' West 80.0 feet; thence South 22 degrees 38' East 85 feet; thence North 67 degrees 14' East 80.0 feet to the point of beginning. Being part of Government Lot 3, Section 15, Town 26 North, Range 4 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: July 18, 2002
Orlans Associates PC
Attorneys for Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, As Custodian or Trustee, FKA Bankers Trust Company of California, As Assignee
P. O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000

File No. 209-1472

-18-25-1-8-15

MORTGAGE SALE

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Ronald J. Whitney, a married man, and Bonnie L. Whitney, his wife, of 1202 Robinhood Lane, Grayling, MI 49738, Michigan, Mortgageors, to Mayflower D/B/A Union Mortgage Services, Inc., Mortgagee, dated the 28th of October, 1998 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 16th day of November, 1998 in Liber 467, Crawford County Records, Page 576, said mortgage now held by First Union National Bank of Delaware, by merger with First Union Home Equity Bank, N.A., on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Eighty Eight Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Three & 58/100 (\$88,633.58), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of August, 2002 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at front door to the county building in Grayling, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 8.500 per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece of parcel of land situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford and State of Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 1, Sherwood Forest, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3, Page 11, Crawford County Records. Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during the 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: July 18, 2002
First Union National Bank of Delaware
Mortgage
Fabrizio & Brook, P.C.
Jonathan L. Engman (P56364)
Attorney for First Union
888 W. Big Beaver, Ste. 1470
Troy, MI 48064
(248) 362-2600

-18-25-1-8-15

MORTGAGE SALE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Default has occurred in a mortgage made by Barbara Selesky and Marjorie Wall, single woman, to First National Bank of America, dated May 24, 1999 and recorded on June 3, 1999 in Liber 483 page 107, Crawford County records. The mortgage holder has begun no proceedings to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$73,124.64.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Wednesday, August 21, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. local time, at the front door of Crawford County Courthouse, Grayling, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, together with interest at 15.95 per cent, foreclosure costs, attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgage holder pays before the sale.

The property is located in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and is described in the mortgage as:

Part of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 2, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 2; thence 89°50'E (along the E&W 1/4 line) 563.2 feet; thence N9°35'E, 1323.7 feet; thence N27°35'E, 400 feet; thence N1°40'E, 171.25 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence N80°25'W, 135 feet to the Easterly bank of the AuSable River; thence N13°04'E (along said river bank), 200.4 feet; thence S80°25'E, 225.2 feet to the Westerly right-of-way of Chickasaw Trail; thence S0°20'W (along said right-of-way), 202.8 feet; thence N80°25'W, 135 feet to the point of beginning. This parcel extends to the waters edge of the AuSable River.

The redemption period will be six months from the date of sale, but if the property is abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days.

Dated: July 12, 2002
Joseph B. Backus, attorney for mortgage holder P. O. Box 794
East Lansing, MI 48826
517-337-1617

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NOTICE PROPERTY OWNERS CITY OF GRAYLING

The Office of the City Assessor will be photographing all buildings within the city limits. These photographs will become a part of the computerized assessment program. Any questions please call the City Office at 989-248-2131.

Kay Ellen King
City Clerk

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PUBLIC ACCURACY NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the August 6, 2002 Primary Election has been scheduled for Tuesday, July 30, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. in the Crawford County Building, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program(s) and the election ballot counters being used to tabulate the results of the election, count the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

Sandra Moore
Crawford County Clerk
July 19, 2002

Grayling Township Notice of openings on Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals

Grayling Township is currently accepting nominations for position on the township Zoning Board of Appeals and the township Planning Commission.

If you are interested in holding a position on either of these boards, please submit a written request to: Terry R. Wright, Supervisor; P.O. Box 521; Grayling, MI. 49738.

Written request must be received no later than Friday, August 2, 2002. Applicants will be contacted for interviews shortly thereafter.

For more information, call Terry Wright (989-348-4361) during normal business hours.

Terry R. Wright
Supervisor

FACTS AND FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago
July 26, 1979

At the recent Installation of Officers of the Grayling Lions Club, past President Lion Don Prause presented Dr. Paul Dosch with a plaque for his faithful service to the Grayling Eye Bank. Dr. Dosch has gotten up at all hours to enucleate eyes, to be taken to the University Hospital for transplant.

A proposal by the government to include 91 miles of the AuSable River to a Wild & Scenic Rivers program was denounced in a public hearing held here in Grayling last Friday night at the high school.

Recalling his earlier opposition to the RARE II wilderness set-aside program, Congressman Bob Davis testified against federal designation of the AuSable River as a part of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers system. Before a packed house audience at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium, Davis's comments pretty much set the tone for the substance of the hearing which saw some 40 residents speak out against the proposal.

46 Years Ago
June 14, 1956

Alfred Hanson of Grayling, retired automobile dealer was honored at Harbor Springs last Saturday when he was adopted into the Ottawa Indian tribe at the 20th Annual Naming ceremony and pageant. The pageant recalled the settling of the area by white men who first established a permanent trading post in 1853. It was also a part of the diamond jubilee obser-

vance of the incorporation of the village of Little Traverse and the changing of its name to Harbor Springs.

A baby porcupine of Crawford County residence is to become a television star on a state wide network following a trade made in Grayling on Sunday. Mort Neff, well-known outdoors writer and television program star has been on the lookout for a porcupine for his show. For some time he used a raccoon known as "Goldie" but hankered for a young "porky" for the production.

Allan Carr of Grayling found a baby specimen and on Sunday, Neff traded Carr a nice little puppy for the young porcupine. Neff flew to Grayling to make the trade. So it would appear that the Crawford County youngster will soon be seen on a large number of TV viewing screens. The young porcupine was actually the property of Chauncey and Cherie Carr, the son and daughter of the Allan Carrs. The trade was, of course, a necessity in that the two youngsters had to give up their wildlife pet.

One hundred sixty-four archers registered Sunday for the archery meet hosted by the Grayling Bowhunters at their field range on US-27 south of Grayling. Despite inclement weather, all 164 shot through their morning and afternoon rounds. The archery breed seems to be somewhat akin to duck hunters as they laughed and joked at the bad weather and kept right on with their round.

A donkey softball game is to get

under way at 8:30 p.m. this Sunday evening at the new softball diamond at the City Recreation Memorial Area under the lights. The affair is being sponsored jointly by the Smiggen Angels softball team of Crawford County Softball League and the Kiwanis Club of Grayling. Billed as the craziest sport, the antics of the players on the backs of the donkeys will give the crowd a real laugh. The proceeds of the contest will be for the benefit of the new backstop at the softball diamond. Donkey ball has been called, "wilder than a rodeo" and "funnier than a circus." This opportunity gives the people of this area a chance to see for themselves just how funny this kind of sport can be.

69 Years Ago
July 27, 1933

O. P. Schumann was in attendance at a meeting of the newspaper publishers of the 9th and 10th districts held at Reed City last week Saturday. He was accompanied by Mrs. Schumann.

Jay Garrison of Blissfield, a former printer of Hastings and now a mail route carrier for Uncle Sam at Blissfield, was a pleasant caller at the Avalanche office Wednesday.

Miss Elaine Regan is assisting at the Central Drug Store evenings.

Earl Dawson was in Saginaw Sunday from where he drove back a new Graham-Paige.

Carl Sherman, who had been employed at the former Cowell shop now has a chair at the Herbert Gothro shop.

Mrs. George Kelly and children of Flint are at the George Miller cottage at Lake Margrethe, while Lieut. Kelly is encamped at the Military reservation with the National Guard.

Wesley LaGrow left Sunday for Detroit, where he will be employed in furniture factory permanently.

Mark Lewis of Flint, formerly of Grayling, arrived to put in his second year in the Michigan Air Corps camp.

Keith Sorenson was very excited on his return trip home from his first fishing trip Sunday when he had a green bass 12 inches long and a rock bass 9 and 1/2 inches long to show.

92 Years Ago
July 28, 1910

Rev. Fr. Webeler of Cheboygan was a welcome guest at St. Mary's rectory visiting Rev. Fr. Riess for a few days this week.

We hear that the M. & N. E. R. R. are making plans for a good brick depot. The dimension to be 40 - 160 feet. We hope that this is true as it will be a fine structure for this city and also a convenience to the traveling public.

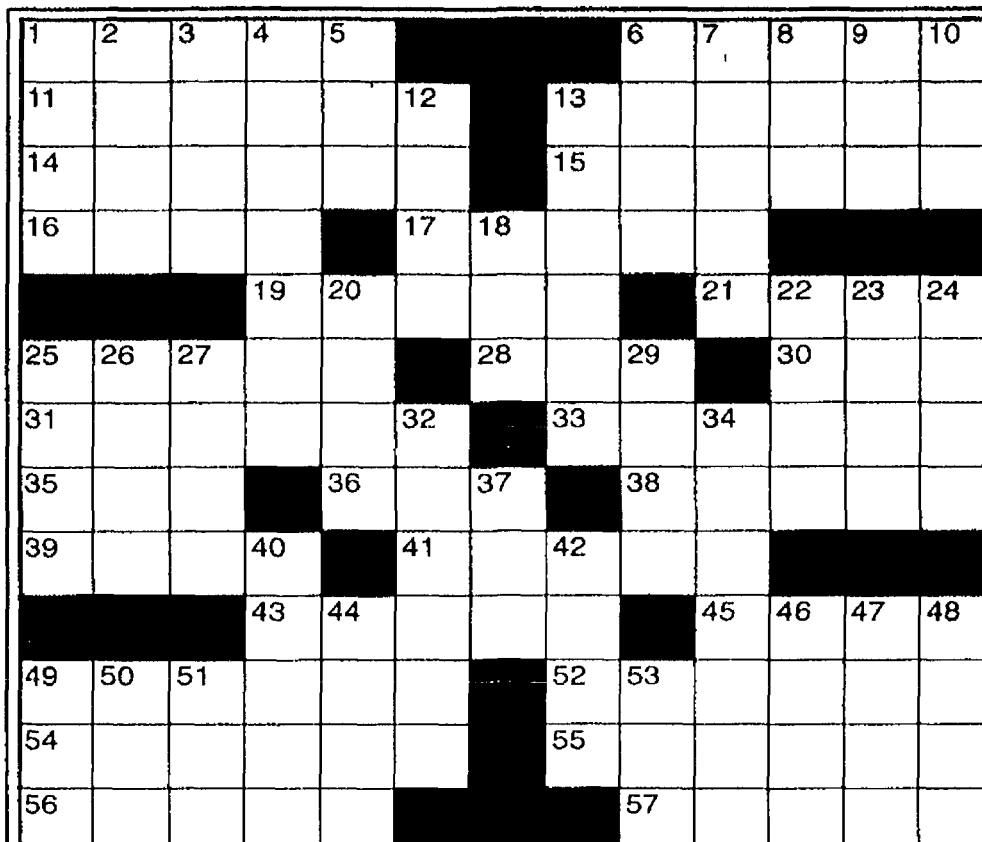
County Clerk J.J. Collens and his wife and Ralph and Mary, and his sister, Mrs. Emma Hauk of Elyria, Ohio, and Mrs. Collen's brother, Adelbert and his wife and two children of Lizzie Foley and family were in Oscoda last week, leaving here with two boats Friday morning and camping at the mouth of the South Branch that night and reaching the farm the next noon.

O. Palmer and their niece, Miss Ruth Barlow attended the meeting of the N.E.M. Press Association at Cheboygan this week.

Mrs. Edward Boddy of Kenosha, Wisconsin, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Taylor.

Claud Martin, who now has the title of Rev. Martin is shaking hands with his many friends here for a few days.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- Sand bar
- Bombax family tree
- Festival site
- Most pleasing
- Silverstone of *Clueless*
- Great Lakes Indian
- Twain
- Shopping excursion
- Tom Tryon novel, with "The"
- Medication
- Wrong Number
- Musical notes
- From _____ Z (2 wds.)
- Holds tight
- Island on Arthur Kill
- Above, in verse
- They loop the Loop
- Overly rotund
- "On Your _____"
- Canine complaints
- Hard to swallow?
- Exile island
- Bas-relief brooches
- La Grenouillère* painter
- Cosmic orb
- Taurus' little cousin
- Dunderheads
- Remains undecided

DOWN

- Hoffa enemy
- Angel adornment
- Step _____! (hurry) (2 wds.)
- _____ *Aweigh*
- Floral wreath
- _____ the bullet
- Took to the stage
- Grassy meadow
- Vane dir.
- _____ loss for words (2 wds.)
- Casement
- Author Frank
- Flo, to Andy Capp
- Transcribe shorthand
- Charge per unit
- Western Indians
- Out of sight
- Get off _____-free
- Ersatz butter
- Hard to find
- Western Union punctuation
- Most cunning
- Deficiency
- Emulate Dorcas
- Tableau
- Ancient harp
- Weeding tools
- Shakespeare's "cream-faced" creature
- I Know Why The Caged _____ Sings*
- Letters' mate
- Auditor: abbr.
- Bundy and Franken
- Barker and Kettle
- Geller's claim to fame: abbr.

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



"Ranch"-A-Roni
Chicken Skillet

- Rice-A-Roni Mexican Style (6.4 oz package)
- tablespoons butter or margarine
- 2 1/4 cups water
- 1 (10 oz) can diced tomatoes with green chilies, undrained
- 1 (10-3/4 oz) can cream of mushroom soup
- 2 cups diced cooked chicken
- 1/4 cup freshly squeezed lime juice
- 1 cup finely crushed tortilla chips

- 4 ounces shredded cheddar cheese

- 1.) Follow regular Rice-A-Roni range top directions on package through step 2.

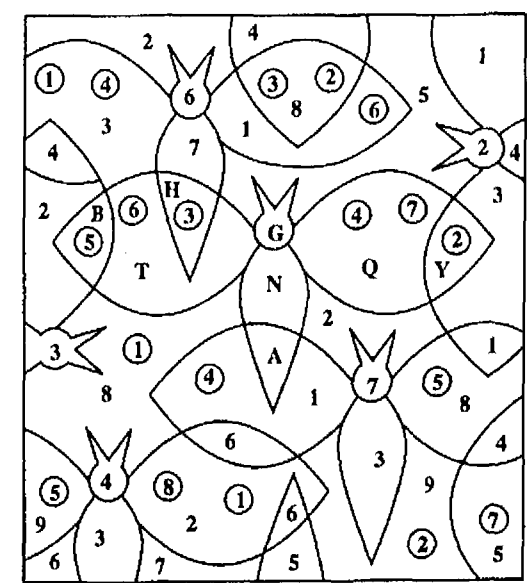
- 2.) Cover, reduce heat to low and simmer 10 minutes.

- 3.) Add tomatoes, cream of mushroom soup and cooked chicken.

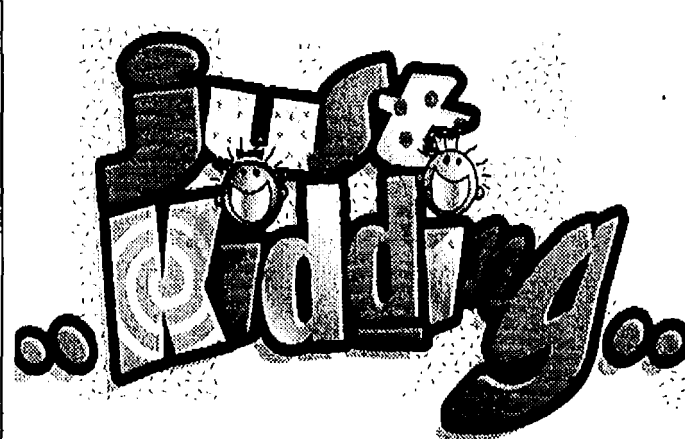
Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low, cover and simmer 10 more minutes.

- 4.) Add lime juice, crushed tortilla chips and cheese. Combine thoroughly and remove from heat. Let stand 2 to 3 minutes. Top with additional crushed tortilla chips and cheddar cheese if desired.

HIDDEN PICTURE



Color in each space that contains a letter.



DID YOU KNOW?

Anteaters
prefer termites
to ants.

SEEK AND FIND

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

BALLET JAZZ TANGO
CHA-CHA RUMBA TAP
FOXTROT SWING WALTZ

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ZXTRANSPOG

Adopt a Pet



Lance is a neutered male lab. He is housebroken and very friendly. He appears to be 3 to 4 years old. Please call 348-4117 for more information on opening your home to a homeless animal. Or, e-mail: animal_director@yahoo.com.

Get your copy of "Creature Comforts Cookbook" -- a collection of more than 700 recipes, cooking tips and hints submitted by animal lovers from Crawford County and beyond. For a donation of \$15 to the shelter, this collection can be added to your culinary library or given as a gift. All proceeds will help care for the homeless animals at the shelter. The cookbook is available at the *Avalanche*, J.Dap Co., Riverland Gear, the Medicine Shoppe, Charlie's Country Corner, 7-11 of Grayling and Stevens Family Circle, as well as at the shelter and from various members. Call the shelter for details.

Be sure to stop by our booth in the AuSable River Festival Food Court this Saturday, July 27 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. for a BBQ sandwich or baked goodies or to pick up a copy of our new cookbook. We will also be selling crafts and raffle tickets. We hope to see all you animal lovers there!

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling

Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall
Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 1 pm; Sun. and Holidays 8 am - 11 am
After hour appointments available.

HOROSCOPES

For the Week of July 25, 2002



Capricorn

December 22-
January 19

Open your mind to new ideas and ways of doing things. Get involved in activities that allow you to express your true feelings. Set aside special time with family and friends.



Aries

March 21-
April 19

Spend some time alone to clear your head and get a sense of direction. You receive an offer of help from an unexpected source. Remember that special date.



Cancer

June 22-
July 22

It's time to practice what you preach. You're in line for a special honor or award. Others now look to you for guidance. You'll know what needs to be done.



Libra

September 23-
October 22

Updated information gives you a better understanding of others' motives. Consider working behind the scenes for the best results. Don't overlook the power of a small purchase.



Aquarius

January 20-
February 18

Family and friends brighten your day and lighten your load--let them know it! Break big tasks down to size and accomplish more. Focus on financial matters.



Taurus

April 20-
May 20

Go with your heart and reach for the stars. Traveling either at home or abroad is in the cards, as well as a chance to rediscover an old passion.



Leo

July 23-
August 22

Get all the facts before making a special purchase. Much information is hidden behind the scenes. A problem gets resolved in your favor--be diplomatic.



Scorpio

October 23-
November 21

Family and friends help you see things as they are. Stick to your long-range plans and take the necessary steps for future success. Make some quiet time in your schedule.



Pisces

February 19-
March 20

Your performance impresses someone who's been watching you from afar. You could be in for a bonus or promotion. An unexpected source provides inspiration and creative spark.



Gemini

May 21-
June 21

It's time for a hobby or leisure activity to take a bigger part in your life. Try something different and watch what's going on around you. Being busy has kept your mind off an important issue.



Virgo

August 23-
September 22

A helping hand appears when you least expect it. Social invitation is on the calendar. Past lessons provide a clue. Freeing your life will help you see an issue in a clearer light.



Sagittarius

November 22-
December 21

If a situation is getting you down then it's better to take the bull by the horns and do something about it. Try writing down the options or ask a friend to intervene.

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week				Extended Forecast					
Date	H	L	Rain	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
7/17	92	62							
7/18	90	68		High 76	High 77	High 80	High 82	High 83	High 77
7/19	78	57		Low 54	Low 52	Low 54	Low 57	Low 54	Low 57
7/20	83	53		Moody Sunny	Scattered T-Storms	Isolated T-Storms	Partly Cloudy	Isolated T-Storms	Partly Cloudy
7/21	89	63	.02						
7/22	97	74	.97						
7/23	84	55	.01						

KIRTLAND CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

2002-2003 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WHITE CLIFFS OF DOVER AUGUST 17, 2002



\$24(A) \$22(B) \$20(C)

Actress/singer Lainie Nelson "conceived" of the idea for *"The White Cliffs of Dover"*, creating it for all to enjoy – a nostalgia-filled look back at the times and songs of World War II. Lainie Nelson and Michael G. Hawkins present an ambitious program that not only includes a couple of dozen songs but a richly detailed program as well. They read actual letters from soldiers and tell anecdotes and stories. The voices of Churchill and Roosevelt are heard once again. What is superb is a script that finds a way to straddle its audience – serving the nostalgia side well for people who lived through the experience but also as a primer for younger people who did not, always letting the big band music and anecdotes shine through.

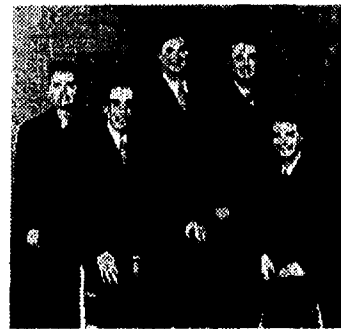
LIVE RADIO DRAMA SEPTEMBER 28, 2002



\$20(A) \$18(B) \$16(C)
Family of 5 \$35(B) \$32.50(C)

Live Radio Drama is live radio theater, recreating radio's golden age, all over again in an old time radio studio. Remember *"Only The Shadow Knows"*. *Live Radio Drama* recreates the feel of live radio programming of the 40's and 50's. Cast and crew dress in period clothing, and artists never use recorded sound effects (as long as they can help it). Adding to the visual interest is a conductor on a podium, gesturing for each sound and vocal cue. The energy level on stage and in the audience is electric. The live audience is privy to things that a radio audience does not get to see. The performers will talk with the audience before the show about what they are about to see and, of course, practice with the APPLAUSE sign.

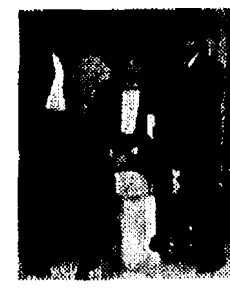
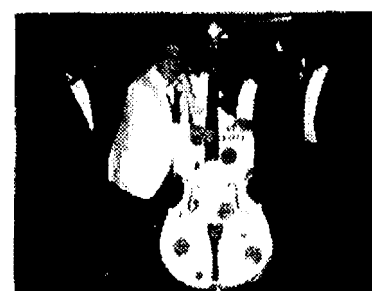
LEGACY FIVE October 12, 2002



\$18(A) \$16(B) \$14(C)

During the first week of the new millennium, *Legacy Five*, comprised of two seasoned veterans (Roger Bennett and Scott Fowler – Cathedral Quartet) and three Southern Gospel music newcomers, made their debut in Atlanta Georgia, and since that day, they have made a major mark on the Southern Gospel Music world. *Legacy Five* indeed has enjoyed more success during their short career than many groups achieve in decades. With five men dedicated to carrying on a rich legacy, quite obviously the new millennium, as uncertain as it may seem to some, looks and sounds extremely exciting for *Legacy Five*. So Southern Gospel Music lovers can turn up the stereo and enjoy the music, the new legacy and *Legacy Five*.

BILL HALEY'S COMETS featuring Al Rappa & THE DEL-VIKINGS



OCTOBER 19, 2002
\$24(A) \$22(B) \$20(C)

Bill Haley's Comets were the first rock 'n roll band. Since 1952, they have sold over 80 million records. The group has earned a place in "The Guinness Book of World Records", for selling 43 million copies of its greatest hit, *Rock Around the Clock*, and has appeared in 7 motion pictures. Al Rappa, "The Original Walking Bass Man" has been with "Bill Haley's Comets" since 1956. The Del-Vikings, with original lead singer Norman Wright, are a vocal group that scored two top hits in 1957, "Come Go With Me" and "Whispering Bells"; more hits followed including "Sunday Kind of Love". The Del-Vikings have performed world-wide including, Las Vegas, Atlantic City, Radio City Music Hall, in concert and on television.

MARK NIZER NOVEMBER 9, 2002



\$16(A) \$14(B) \$12(C)
Family of 5 \$35(B) \$32.50(C)

Don't miss Mark Nizer, winner of the Comedy Entertainer of the Year and First Place in the International Juggling Championships. Mark will juggle a flaming propane tank, a running cordless electric knife and a 16 pound bowling ball; at the same time. He even juggles 5 ping pong balls using only his mouth. All this, while keeping you in stitches with his award winning comedy. Mark Nizer has begun performing his new invention, the LASER DIABLO™, a laser show, created live on stage by juggling four lasers. Mark also uses the Dimension Beam, a new instrument that allows him to play live music with the movement of his body. This is an event for all ages, to be enjoyed by the entire family!

BEACHFRONT PROPERTY DECEMBER 14, 2002



\$20(A) \$18(B) \$16(C)

Celebrate the holiday season with *Beachfront Property*! Recognized nationally for their superb vocal harmony, *Beachfront Property* brings to their music a unique combination of high energy and artfully expressive sophistication. In a stylishly choreographed setting, the southern California-based quartet (two men and two women) offers audiences of all ages some of most beloved classics from the worlds of jazz, pop and rock n' roll. Their coast-to-coast touring and internationally released recordings have established them as one of today's most important vocal groups. Selections from their CD's, including *A Beachfront Christmas* will be included in this holiday concert.

COWBOY ENVY JANUARY 25, 2003



\$18(A) \$16(B) \$14(C)
Family of 5 \$35(B) \$32.50(C)

If you enjoyed *Riders in the Sky* you will love *Cowboy Envy*! *Cowboy Envy*, in the tradition of the original singing cowboy, performs Western music from the 30's and 40's. Drawing upon the repertoires of such artists as Roy Rogers, Sons of the Pioneers, and Gene Autry, *Cowboy Envy* brings a variety of influences to the presentation of this music. Their voices blend as beautifully as the Andrews Sisters, but their sound is bolstered by a strong strumming guitar and bass and punctuated by a healthy dose of rollicking abandon and humor. *Cowboy Envy* combines quality musicianship with spirited tales of the West and unbridles that cowboy fascination that live in all of us.

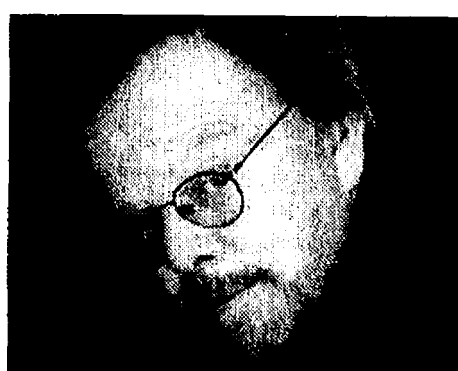
GAELIC STORM FEBRUARY 22, 2003



\$20(A) \$18(B) \$16(C)

Gaelic Storm is back by popular demand! Since appearing in *Titanic*, the most popular movie of all time, Gaelic Storm has been winning fans worldwide. Where Gaelic Storm's successful self-titled debut release celebrated the band's legendary enthusiasm and truly exquisite musicianship, their second CD, *Herdin' Cats*, inspired and delighted their international legion of fans by exploring the band's truly talented heart and deeply creative soul. Their third CD, *Tree*, is a classic album that delivers their thunderous energy and legendary exuberance as well as the added lightning of their considerable songwriting artistry. Come, listen, tap your feet, dance in the aisles and celebrate life.

PAUL WILLIAMS MARCH 15, 2003



\$28(A) \$26(B) \$24(C)

Paul Williams has been lauded and awarded over the years by audiences and his peers alike, not only as one of the most gifted and prolific lyricists and composers, but also as a singer, an actor and a humanitarian. Paul Williams has filled his shelves with Grammys, Golden Globes, & an Oscar, as well as being inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame. Williams' hits include, *We've Only Just Begun*, *Just An Old Fashioned Love Song*, *The Rainbow Connection*, *Muppet Christmas Carol*, *The Muppet Movie*, *Let Me Be The One*, *You and Me Against the World*, *Family of Man*, etc. He is also well known for his acting roles in the *Smokey* and the *Bandit* movies, *Return to the Planet of the Apes*, and *The Paul Williams Show*.

BALLET FOLKLORICO APRIL 26, 2003



\$22(A) \$20(B) \$18(C)

With a company of 12 vibrant dancers and 4 to 6 talented musicians, *"Ballet Folklórico Quetzalli"* presents a visual fiesta of Old Mexico. Showcasing their own culture and folklore, the veteran group performs regional dances of Mexico that feature their home state of Veracruz (birthplace of the famous "La Bamba"). The music, played live on authentic stringed instruments, punctuates the meticulous movement, radiant clothing and precise rhythm established by the dancers. Since their formation in 1985, "Quetzalli" has crisscrossed the globe, exciting audiences of young and old. With standing ovations from Cuba to Malaysia, "Quetzalli" proves they are one of Mexico's most popular exports!

SHEPARD'S FOLLY MAY 10, 2003



\$16(A) \$14(B) \$12(C)
Family of 5 \$35(B) \$32.50(C)

Shepard's Folly is the musical quartet of Phil Shepard (flute, whistle), Patti Ann Lea (vocals, guitar, bodhran), John Sands (fiddle), and Ray Kamalay (guitar, vocals). Their decades of experience enliven a wide variety of Celtic music, from tragic airs and songs to fiery jigs and reels, from ancient Ireland and Scotland to contemporary America. This music, played in pubs throughout Ireland and the British Isles, is a music tempered by centuries of struggle and suffering that brings people together from all walks of life to share in its joy, hope, healing and compassion. These talented Michigan artists are singers, songwriters, musicians and bandleaders in their own right as well as members of *Shepard's Folly*.

LANDSBERG & YOUNT JUNE 14, 2003



\$24(A) \$22(B) \$20(C)

One of the season's most innovative and exciting performances! *Landsberg & Yount* present "Roll Out the Pianos" – An Evening of Keyboard Riches, Rolls and Rags. Norman Landsberg and Robert Yount, who have been earning rave reviews and standing ovations across the nations, host an evening of piano pyrotechnics with special "guests" Scott Joplin and George Gershwin. The show features the works of the most popular pianists of the 20th century. The stunning finale presents a concert "first", an amazing three-piano arrangement of Gershwin and Joplin on the piano, with the aid of the technology of a Yamaha Disklavier™, using piano rolls actually recorded by Gershwin and Joplin.

ALL PERFORMANCES AT 8:00 P.M.

FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING SERIES TICKETS OR DISCOUNTS

CONTACT THE KIRTLAND TICKET OFFICE AT 989-275-6777

TICKETS ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE AT WWW.KIRTLAND.EDU/KCPA

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Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, July 25, 2002

1. Real Estate

MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN PROPERTIES www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99)(7/1)

HOUSE FOR SALE Three bedroom ranch home with 2,450 sq. ft. living area on one plus acre. \$93,000 only to new mortgage. 310' frontage on U.S. Old 27, between Grayling and Frederic. Multi use property currently residential. Excellent traffic location. Ready for small business with living quarters. On a snowmobile trail and on a cross country ski trail. Thousands of acres of state land borders property line. 4014 North Old 27, Frederic. (989) 348-2605 by appointment only. (-25/1)

1. Real Estate

COMMERCIAL BUILDING 3,600 square feet. Office up front, two overhead doors, suited for any type commercial or warehousing. Parcel is 200 x 300 feet, located across from airport. \$139,500. Call Hamrick Real Estate Co., P.C., (989) 348-5433, evenings (989) 348-8336. (6/20/02)(7/1)

40' DECK overlooking private pond. Convenient to town, quietly secluded. Cedar sided, two story, four bedroom home for sale by owner. Newer construction. Reduced to \$169,900 call (989) 348-1474. (-25/1)

1. Real Estate

GOLF COURSE/SKI RESORT Building lots for sale at Skyline Ski & Country Club. Beautiful wooded lots. All from 1-2 acres in size. Located just off I-75/US 27 between Higgins Lake and Grayling. Golf Course to open in 2003. There are only 15 lots available. For a limited time we are offering a lifetime Golf and Ski Membership with the purchase of a lot. Lots are priced from \$29,900 to \$89,900. This offer will expire soon. For more information call Jerry at (989) 275-5445. (-18-25-1-8/1)

1. Real Estate

QUIETLY SECLUDED yet close to town. Adjoining state land with old growth trees. Four bedroom, three baths. 2,200 sq. ft. home for sale by owner. Buy direct and save. Reduced to \$169,900. (989) 348-1474 for appointment. (-25/1)

BY OWNER Reduced, \$149,000 AuSable River three bedroom brick ranch. 2,000 sq. ft. (989) 348-2928 (-18-25/1)

REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT PROPERTY Commercial 1.8 acres; wooded. M-72 West Grayling. (989) 348-4981 owner. (-18-25/1)

1. Real Estate

MOBILE HOME PARK & Camp Ground Land Contract terms. (989) 348-8959 (7/11/02)(7/1)

NINE APARTMENTS and Living Quarters and four nice motel units with Jacuzzi's. \$40,000 down. Land Contract terms. (989) 348-8959 (7/11/02)(7/1)

VOTE AUG. 6 for Jim Burtch for County Road Commissioner. Paid for by the committee to elect, James E. Burtch, P.O. Box 101, Grayling, MI 49738. (-25/1)

FOR SALE OR RENT Two bedroom, one large bath mobile home in a very good Grayling location. Natural gas, central air, large garage with workshop. Kitchen appliances side-by-side and dishwasher. Newly carpeted, fenced yard. Non-smoking, no pets. For more information (989) 348-1630 for appointment. available August 1. (-18-25/1)

2. For Rent

VACATION COTTAGE for rent, very nice and spotless at Lake Margrethe. Daily or weekly, non-smoking only. Call (989) 348-8627 or 1-800-848-1268 (4/25/02)(7/2)

RIVER FESTIVAL FLING at J. Dap. Co. 118 Michigan Ave. Wear your AuSable River Festival T-shirt (current or previous years) for daily sales starting July 22-29. Special sale items change daily up to 50% Get a jump on sidewalk sales. 10% off regular gift lines if you are wearing your Marathon T-shirt. Remember Friday July 26 is wear your Marathon Shirt Day. We're celebrating all week! (Sorry, no gift card punches during sale and excludes JC Penney. (-18-25/2)

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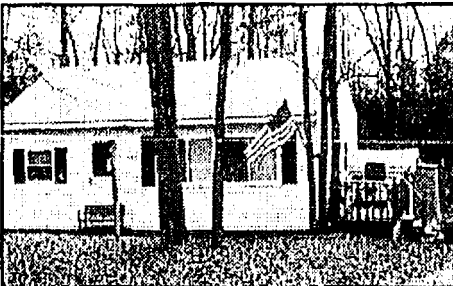
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NICE STARTER HOME OR UP NORTH CABIN. Nice setting in the Hardwoods. This home is located on a blacktop road. New vinyl clad window and storm doors. New hardwood (Maple) floor in kitchen area. Now 4' 30" deep well in 2000. Located on a corner lot in a nice recreational area. Home is well insulated and comes complete with a refrigerator, kitchen stove and washer and dryer (all new in Oct. 2001). \$65,500.00 TS-1515



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LARGE HOME IN RECREATIONAL AREA - LARGE FAMILY HOME or a great recreational home for more than one family. Oak trim and cabinets throughout. Additional kitchen in lower level plus 3 more bedrooms. Lower level is semi finished. Located close to lake and the North Branch of AuSable River. This house is zoned commercial, which can open up more ideas for use of house. House has a 3 1/2 attached car garage, and also a large 30 x 50 pole barn adjacent to home. \$199,000.00 TS-1576



JUST 3 MILES FROM TOWN - Very well maintained home on 2.5 acres close to town. Has a Florida room complete with jacuzzi. Detached garage, nice selback from road. A definite must see. \$120,000.00 TS-1476



NICE STARTER HOME - Nice affordable starter home. Located just outside city limits. Drive thru garage. Fenced in back yard. Full basement that could make additional bedroom or recreational room, plus still have plenty of area for laundry room. Has a lot of potential for a small family. \$44,500.00 TS-1497



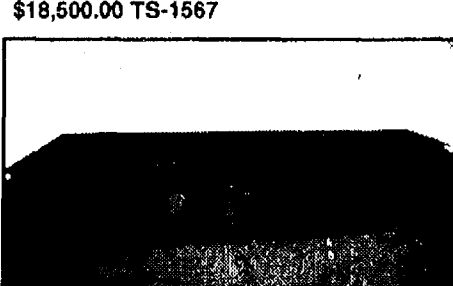
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10' X 42' RECREATIONAL MOBILE - Furnished Mobile. Great Chapel Inexpensive up North cabin in great location. Close to rivers, lakes and all recreational vehicle trails. Easy to get to. Good starter cabin. Kitchen table and chairs excluded from sale. \$18,500.00 TS-1567



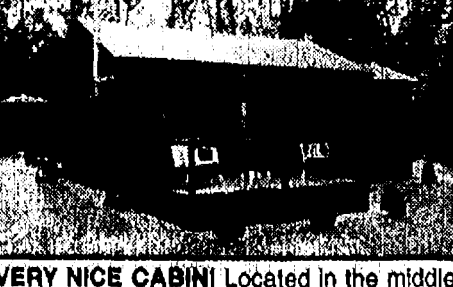
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ZONED INDUSTRIAL. Large pole barn with lots of electricity. Present owner uses building for heavy equipment repair shop. There is a house on the property that could make a nice office. \$168,000.00 TS-1449



A REAL NICE UP NORTH CABIN. Nice country setting at end of blacktop road. 897 s.f., 3 B/R, 1 bath, very nice split stone fireplace. Large 24x36 garage/pole barn. Home would make a great starter home or excellent up north cabin. It is just a short distance to the AuSable River, snowmobile trails, lots of State Land, and recreational areas. Recently remodeled. New jet tub in bathroom. \$74,500.00 TS-1592



VERY NICE CABINI Located in the middle area of rivers, trails and lakes. Cabin comes completely furnished except a T.V. Most lawn tools and furniture stays. Very well maintained cabin. Two storage sheds. Cabin is completely modern. New roof in 2000, even the outdoor grill stays. Cabin has air conditioner that stays, also. \$38,500.00 TS-1593

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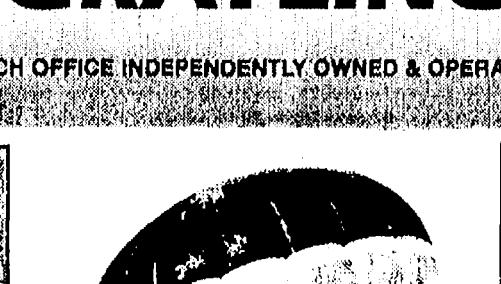
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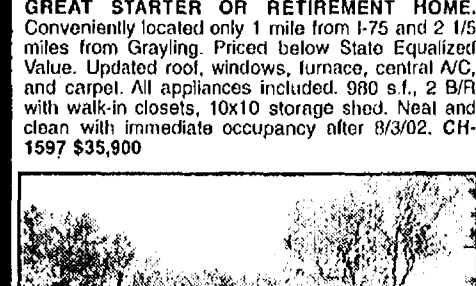
1984 REDMAN MANUFACTURED HOME! 3 bedroom, 2 bath home offers 1152 sq. ft. kitchen offers pantry and snack bar. Master bedroom offers bath with double vanities and walk in closet. Vaulted ceilings, vinyl windows, vinyl siding. Fenced in back yard offers privacy with large white pine tree in middle of back yard. Window air conditioner, gas stove and refrigerator will stay with sale. CS-1568 \$59,900



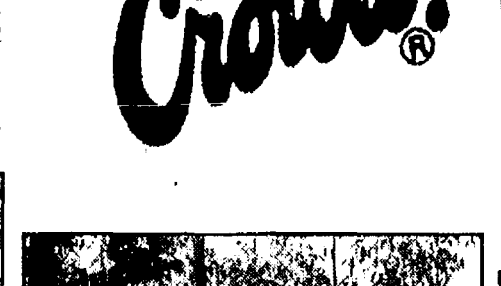
GREAT STARTER OR RETIREMENT HOME. Conveniently located only 1 mile from I-75 and 2 1/2 miles from Grayling. Priced below State Equalized Value. Updated roof, vinyl siding, roof, and carpet. All appliances included. 980 s.f., 2 B/R with walk-in closets, 10x10 storage shed. Neat and clean with immediate occupancy after 8/3/02. CH-1597 \$35,900



100' FRONTAGE ON LAKE MARGRETHE 1,985 s.f., 3 B/R, 1.5 baths, 16x22 family room, Andersen windows and Doors, 9x31 All Season Porch. 24x24 attached garage, 40x40 steel building, 1,000 s.f. storage building. Large brick fireplace with gas insert. CH-1493 \$349,500.



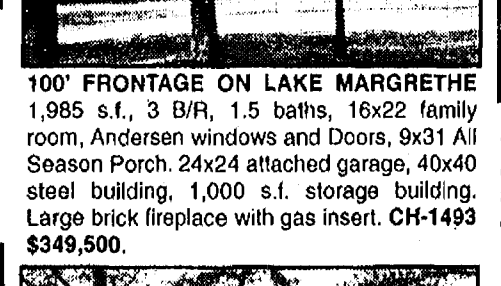
2-3 BEDROOM HOME IN GREAT LOCATION CLOSE TO HIGH SCHOOL! Convenient location near Grayling High School and I-75 Bus. Loop. recent renovations include vinyl deck, vinyl siding, roof, doors, insulation, and hot water heater. Bow window in living room. Spacious corner lot, with circle drive. 16x22 garage, 8x10 storage building. Home and grounds neatly maintained and in very good condition. Third bedroom wall could be re-installed. CH-1593 \$84,900



LARGE FAMILY HOME ON 5 ACRES with open floor plan. 2,700 s.f., presently configured as a 2 B/R with an extra large master suite, 2 baths, formal dining room, family room with wet bar, central air, partial basement, brick fireplace, 2 bow windows. 24x30 finished & insulated garage, 24x36 two story pole barn with 16x26 lean to. Recent upgrades: garage, concrete approach, stone driveway, roof (wood shingles, insulation), furnace, septic, drainfield, screen doors, some windows. CH-1582 \$125,000 Additional acreage available.



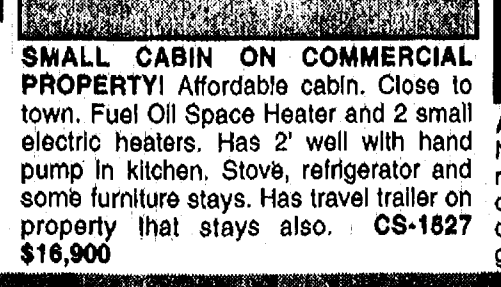
SMALL CABIN ON COMMERCIAL PROPERTY! Affordable cabin. Close to town. Fuel Oil Space Heater and 2 small electric heaters. Has 2' wall with hand pump in kitchen. Stove, refrigerator and some furniture stays. Has travel trailer on property that stays also. CS-1827 \$16,900



LOOKING FOR A SMALL, WELL PRICED HOME FOR YOUR FAMILY? Check this one. - ranch home offers 1008 square feet with 3 bedrooms, 1 bath and a full basement. 1 1/2 car garage, vinyl siding. Washer and Dryer hookup in basement. Large picture window in living room. Wolfmanized deck in back yard. Large lot close to town. CS-1484 \$64,900



AFFORDABLE HOME CLOSE TO TOWN! Nice family home recently remodeled. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath offering 1160 sq. ft., with new oak kitchen cabinets and spacious kitchen-dining room combination. 2 1/2 car detached garage. CS-1454 \$66,000



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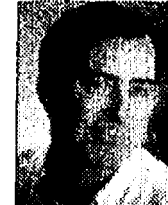
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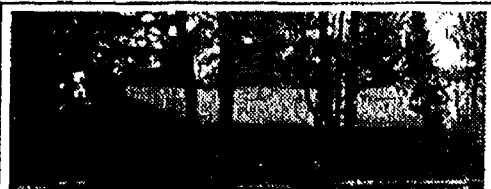
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Wonderful Income Possibilities! Looking for income possibilities? This 5 bedroom 2.5 bath home could be a senior citizen home, or a foster care home, with 2 other buildings that could become rentals. This 1900 plus square foot home has a full basement, and sits on 10 lots. Has 1 rental unit at present. \$399,000 #222060



Chalet on Black Forest/Wilderness Valley Golf Course! Beautiful 3BR, 1.75 bath chalet on hill overlooking the 14th hole of Wilderness Valley Golf Course. Enjoy the scenery from the deck while the kids play in the pool! Walk-out finished basement and fireplace, all on 2.5 acres! \$185,000 #221341



Spectacular Home on 264' of AuSable River! This unique, very private 3BR 2 bath home sits on the mainstem of the AuSable River with 264 feet of frontage. Extensive wrap-around decking around pool and house. Sunroom features black marble flooring, skylights, and overlooks the river. Massive stone fireplace, tongue & groove knotty pine, hardwood floors, open log beams, loft, hot tub, sprinkler system, and much more. \$309,000 #221647



Bradford Lakefront! Beautiful 3BR, 2 bath log home on Bradford Lake, wood siding, ceiling fans in every room, hot tub, and State land across the lake adds to the beauty of this home. Many amenities in this MUST SEE HOME! \$279,900 #14409



Charming Home on 25 Acres! Impressive 2BR, 2 bath home, a must see! 2 car garage and extra garage for RV storage or home business. Located on 25 acres with wildlife at every turn. Don't miss your chance at a dream home. \$275,000 #222685



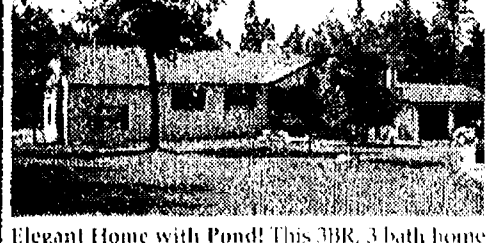
Spectacular View of AuSable River! 175' of frontage with a spectacular view of the AuSable River, within 50' of the large dock, mature trees, 1565 square feet, 3 bedroom, 2.5 baths, gas fireplace, full basement, attached garage and a heated 24x40 pole barn with water. Wired for generator back up. Circle drive. Kitchen features hickory cabinets and Pergo flooring, includes appliances. \$225,000 #14131



Quaint Home in City! This quaint little 2 bedroom, 1 bath home needs some TLC but is a great starter home or rental. Lots of room and plenty of storage space in the basement. Home Warranty provided. New roof in June of 2002. \$62,500 #221715



Dreamy Cape Cod Log Home! Dreamy Cape Cod log home on 3.38 acres, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, vaulted ceilings, master bedroom and full length deck and front porch, utility and breakfast room, unfinished bonus room, walk-out basement. Lots of wildlife, adjoins Hartwick Pines State Park. Many extras, a must to tour! Owner is licensed real estate agent. \$214,000 #222289



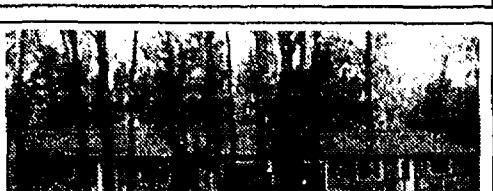
Elegant Home with Pond! This 3BR, 3 bath home has been totally refurbished inside and out. New Master Suite, carpet, vinyl, baths, paint, trim, interior doors, walls and subflooring. New furnace and central air. New vinyl siding, blown-in insulation along with new workshop with loft. Fenced-in dog run, two ponds with gazebo, and 2 fireplaces. Must see to really appreciate. \$189,900 #220498



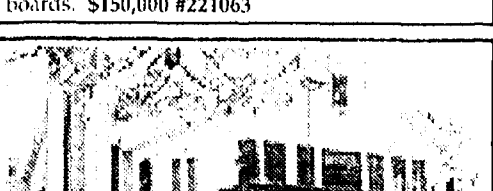
Charm-Comfort-Location! Rare 3BR, 1.5 bath home across from Lake Margrethe. Watch the sunsets from your deck! This home has had many recent updates including new windows upstairs, furnace & central air, microwave & counter-top in kitchen, freshly painted and much more. The yard has a new picket fence, landscaped with many flowers, dog kennel, 2 sheds, and an attached 2 car garage with 2nd floor storage. Beautiful inside and out and 1.8 acres! Home Warranty Included! \$160,000 #222575



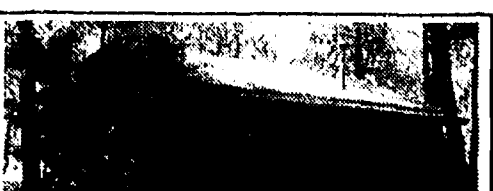
Mobile Home on 20 Acres! Don't miss this nice 2BR, 1 bath mobile with all the amenities of convenience, seclusion and privacy located near Lovells. Approximately 80% wooded with many young pines. Home has 2 decks, newer windows & pump, insulated well, concrete slab, 8x12 wood shed, older 2d mobile with well, elec, and septic. Close to North Branch AuSable, State land, Lakes, ORV & Snowmobile trails. \$57,900 #3288



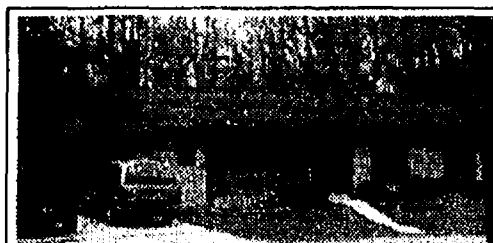
Duplex offers Great Income! 2 unit duplex with excellent income potential. Each unit with 2 bedrooms and 1 car attached garage. Each unit includes washer/dryer, refrigerator, oven/range and kitchens have lots of counter space and cupboards. \$150,000 #221063



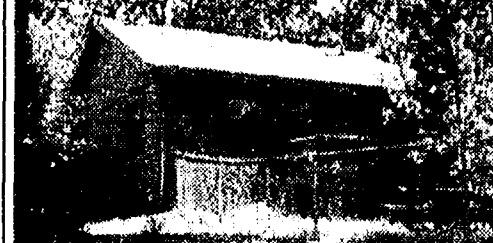
150' on Manistee River! Quiet area and great fishing! This 2BR, 1 bath home/cabin offers T & G Knotty Pine throughout, fireplace w/insert, beautiful view of river. All appliances, furnished, and three wells. Home and 1200 sq. ft. pole barn have sheet metal siding with some aluminum. View of the river from the deck is awesome! \$150,000 #2409



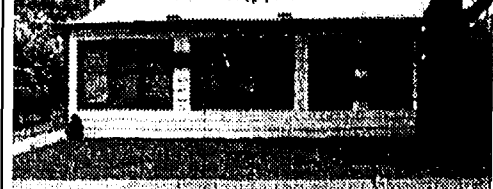
Cabin on 200' AuSable River! This charming, completely finished 2BR, 1 bath cabin is nestled in many mature pines and hardwoods, on 200' of the North Branch of the AuSable River. State land nearby. Cabin has newer electrical, plumbing, flooring, roof, bath, kitchen, and 2 decks. Home is on Parcel "C". Parcel "B" also available. Taxes based on Parcel B & C. Home Warranty included. \$129,900 #222728



Nice Home in Sherwood Forest! Large 2 bath home with 3 bedrooms and a possible 4th. Large deck with built-in natural gas BBQ, 10x16 storage shed, very nice full basement. This home is in very good condition and sits in a very desirable subdivision. A must see! \$124,900 #221745



Very Private Log Cabin! A very private 2 bedroom, 1 bath log cabin on 15 acres with room to expand. Includes a large 30x36 garage and storage shed. Very clean and ready to move into. \$119,900 #13015



Nice Home for Rental! This 2 bedroom, 1 bath home makes a nice rental. Has had some renters for several years. Needs some work, to be sold "as is". \$20,000 #221641



Secluded Home Near Dry Lake Area! A secluded park-like setting with a view of a variety of wildlife looking over Dry Lake area. 2 bedroom, 1 bath home has a fireplace and wood stove and an attached garage, large shed and large wood shed. Has a cleared area for parking RV's. Beautiful trees with several hundred spruce planted. Adjoins state land to the West side. \$99,900 #222386



Energy-Efficient Home in City! Enjoy the convenience of in-town living. This energy-efficient 3 bedroom, 2 bath home has been well-cared for. New roof in 1998, painted inside and out in 2000 & 2001 and newer vinyl in kitchen and baths. Fenced-in back yard with extensive decking and patio with benches. Lots of storage throughout and a black-top driveway. \$99,500 #220784



Ideal Location For Up-North Cottage! Ideal location for an up-north cottage. This 1 bath home offers 2 bedrooms with a possible 3rd upstairs. Large garage, storage shed, appliances, and almost 2 acres. Country living not far from the AuSable River, state land and trails. \$54,900 #221739



Comfortable Home Close to Manistee River! Newer 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in a beautiful neighborhood. Pole building ideal for storage or work area. Adjoins a private park for enjoyment of the Manistee River. \$95,900 #222403



Bright and Cheery Starter Home! Great 3 bedroom, 2 bath starter or retirement home. The great room has tile floors and lots of wood accents. Home is very bright and cheery. New pole barn. \$96,000 #222640



Log Shell on 2.5 Acres! 2 BR, 1 bath log shell in "log only" restricted subdivision, features Andersen windows and doors, standing seam metal roof. State land on one side. See file for list of restrictions. \$112,900 #222384



Mobile Near State Land! 3 bedroom, 2 bath mobile home with storage shed located in Grayling Mobile Estate on a blacktop road. Within walking distance to State land and close access to the AuSable River. \$35,000 on land contract or \$32,500 cash. #222449



Well Cared for Home Near AuSable River! This well cared for 2 bedroom, 1 bath home is only 50 feet across state land to the AuSable River. Home comes completely furnished. Woodstove, and fireplace with heatilator & slate hearth, and all appliances. Also has Sunstar skylight and a circle drive. Very secluded. \$95,000 #222783



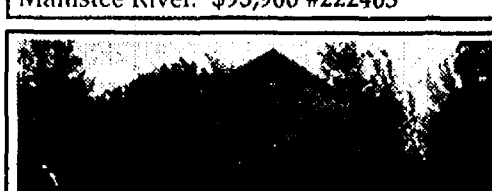
Home in Quiet Sub! Nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in quiet subdivision close to town. Blacktop drive, screened front porch, 10' x 14' storage shed, ready to move into. \$74,000 #222544



Newer Home Near Lake Margrethe! Newer 3 bedroom, 2 bath home on a large wooded lot with public access just a couple of blocks away and boat launch just a short distance. Near lots of State land and RV and snowmobile trails. Furnishings available for \$2,500. \$75,000 #222387



Quaint Home in City! This 3 bedroom, 1 bath home was remodeled in 1999 with a new garage built. Convenient to elementary and middle schools and downtown area. \$75,000 #222709



Fixer-Upper in Town! Older 2 bedroom, 1 bath home in town. Could have 2 more bedrooms upstairs with a little work. \$39,900 #221403



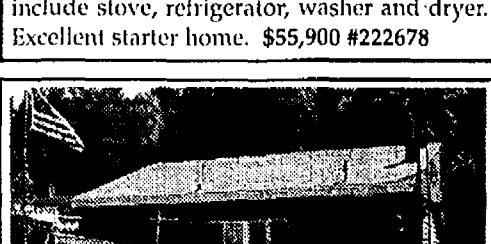
Beautifully Landscaped Mobile! This 3 bedroom, 2 bath mobile home sits on a beautiful corner lot with landscaped fountain area, automatic 4-zone sprinkler system, underground fence, raised 8x8 playhouse with electricity. Two sheds with common wall and 220 electric, one 8x12 and one 10x12. Home has steel roof. \$58,500



Location and Convenience! Great Location! Large corner lot within walking distance to downtown Grayling. 2 bedroom, 1 bath with full basement. \$57,900 #222684



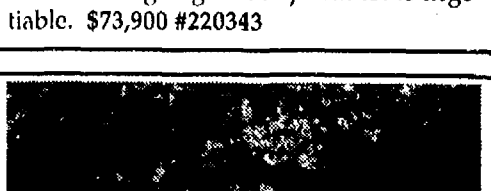
Charming Home-Deeded Access to Manistee River! This 3 bedroom, 1 bath home has been well taken care of, with many updates in recent years. Well/septic, fenced-in yard, deeded access to the Manistee River. Sale to include stove, refrigerator, washer and dryer. Excellent starter home. \$55,900 #222678



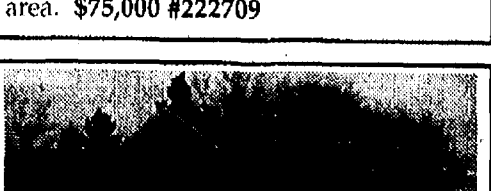
Ideal Little Home for Starter or Weekend! Great little 1 bedroom, 2 bath house for a starter home or weekend getaway. Block basement has lots of storage and a full bath. \$29,800 #222639



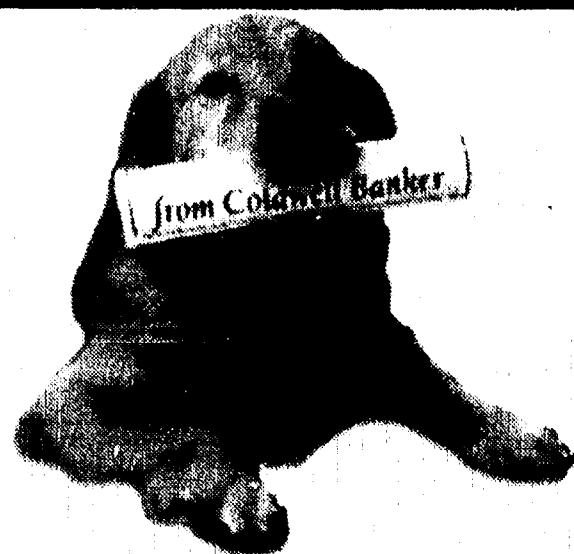
Beautifully Landscaped Home! Nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with knotty pine in the kitchen, dining and living room. Extra storage shed and beautiful landscaping. Purchase of garage on adjacent lot is negotiable. \$73,900 #220343



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CERTIFIED NURSE ASSISTANTS Mercy Hospital Grayling is seeking Certified Nurse Assistants for full-time and part-time positions in our long-term care facility. Must have current Nursing Assistant Certification with experience in long term care preferred. We offer competitive wages and an excellent fringe benefit package. Interested persons please contact Human Resources, Mercy Hospital, 1100 E. Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (989) 348-0570. Fax (989) 348-0485. (-18-25/3)

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3. Employment

MEDICAL OFFICE MANAGER Mercy Hospital is seeking an Office Manager for a Family Practice Clinic in Roscommon, Michigan. This person is responsible for the organization and coordination of the clerical and clinical components of this active clinic. The successful candidate should have 3-5 years management level experience in a health care setting: clinical background is a plus. 1-2 years post-high school education is required; Bachelors Degree in Business Administration is preferred. We offer competitive wages and excellent fringe benefits. Interested persons please contact Human Resources at Mercy Hospital, Grayling, 1100 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738. Phone # (989) 348-0528. Fax # (989) 348-0485 E-mail feldmaa@trinity-health.org (-18-25/3)

3. Employment

UNIT ASSISTANT (Emergency Room) Mercy Hospital Grayling is seeking persons for full time and part time positions as a Unit Assistant in our emergency room. Responsibilities include assisting in patient care as well as providing clerical support for the department. One year previous experience as an EMT, nurse aid or unit assistant. Computer skills required. We offer competitive wages and excellent fringe benefits. Interested persons please contact: Human Resources, Mercy Hospital Grayling, 1100 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (989) 348-0570. Fax (989) 348-0485. (-18-25/3)

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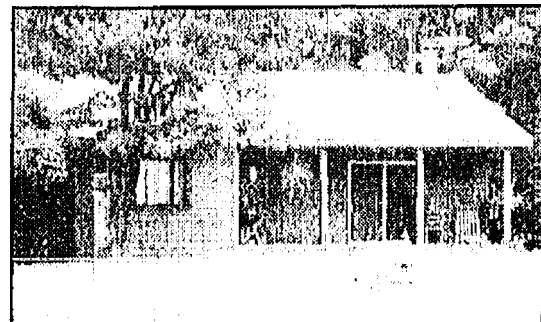
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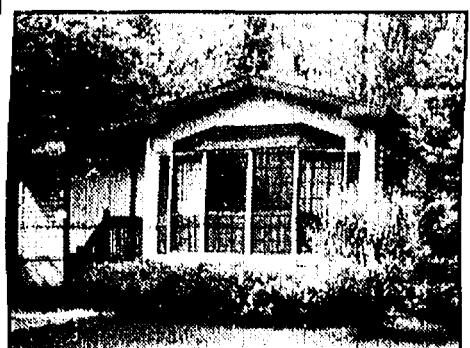


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Douglas J. Pratt
Building Administrator

Frederic Township
Hiring Committee
P.O. Box 78
Frederic, MI 49733

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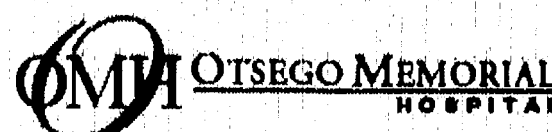
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3. Employment

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST/Medical Lab Technician New Pay Rates Approved for July 1, 2002. Mercy Hospital Grayling, a center of caring located in the heart of beautiful north central Michigan, is seeking a person to fill a full-time position in our Lab. We are looking for Medical Technologist (Bachelor's Degree) or a Medical Lab Technician (Associates Degree). Some relevant experience and computer skills are preferred. We offer competitive wages increasing June 30, and an excellent fringe benefit package. At Mercy you can enjoy the best of both worlds, as a community hospital we provide the empowerment that comes from providing services in a community based health care environment. Yet, as part of the Trinity Health Care System, the fourth largest health care system in the United States. We are also part of a regional health care delivery system through our partnership with Munson Medical System. Qualified persons please contact: Mercy Hospital Human Resources, 1100 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (989) 348-0528. Fax (989) 348-0485. E-mail feldmaa@trinity-health.org (-18-25/3)

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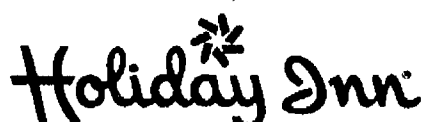
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Maintenance: Kirtland Community College is accepting applications for a full-time maintenance worker to perform general maintenance and repair of property including plumbing, carpentry, painting, electrical, ventilation, heating, air conditioning, snow removal, etc. May be required to work evenings and weekends as part of the regular schedule. Hourly pay rate of \$11.78-\$17.08 commensurate with education and experience; excellent fringe benefit package. Send letter of application, resume, and three letters of reference to Human Resources Department, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, MI 48653. Applications will be accepted until August 9, 2002. Kirtland Community is an equal employment opportunity/affirmative action employer. Visit our web site at www.kirtland.cc.mi.us or call 989-275-5000, ext. 239 for a complete position description.

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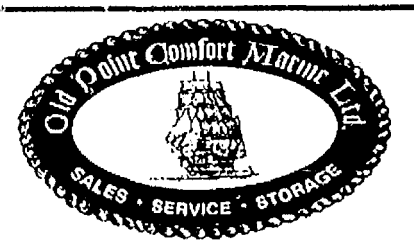
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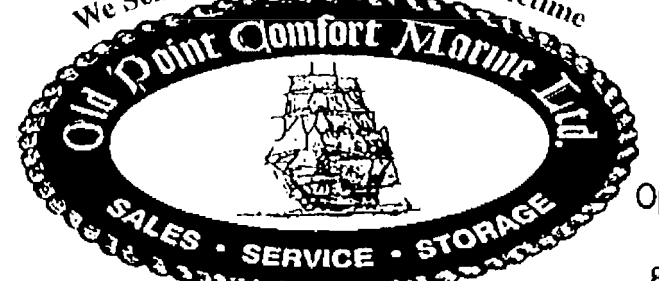
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### 8. Announcements

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**GRAYLING CHAPTER #83** Order of the Eastern Star will be holding Rummage Sale on Saturday, July 27, 2002 at 10 a.m. at the Grayling Masonic Temple. We invite everyone to attend and check out our treasures. (-25/8)

### BEAVER CREEK FIRE DEPARTMENT

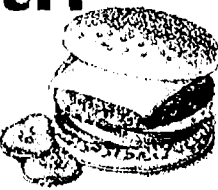
Accepting bids for sale of 1977 C-750 Ford Chassis equipped with 391 engine, 545 Allison automatic transmission, 2 speed rear axle, GVW 27,000 lbs. Mail sealed bids to: Beaver Creek Fire Department 8972 S. Grayling Rd., Grayling, MI 49738. Attention: Fire Chief. Bids must be received by August 15, 2002.

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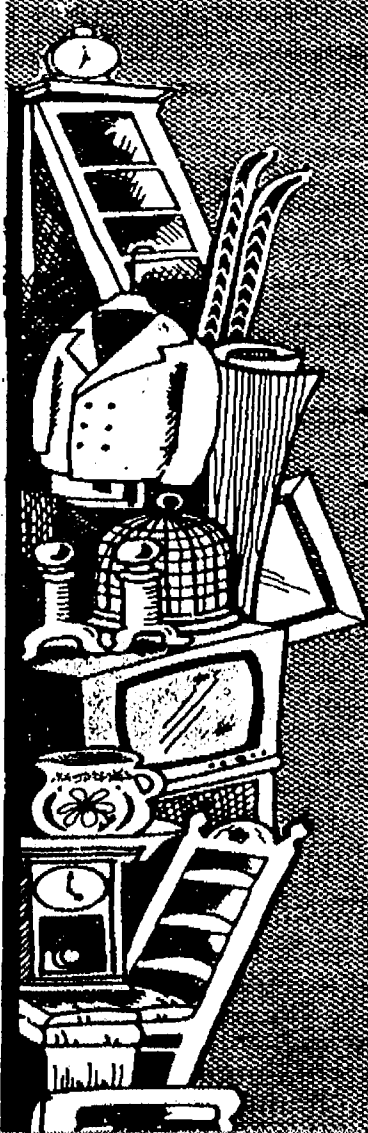
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## 8. Announcements

**SAWMILL TAVERN** Live entertainment Friday and Saturday. Karaoke Wednesday and Sunday. (-25/8)

**KARAOKE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY** night 9-? Plaza Bar. Come and join the fun. (1/24/02/1/8)

**SKYLINE RESTAURANT SPECIALS** Thursday Nite 8 oz. Prime Rib Dinner \$8.95. Friday Nite Lake Perch dinner \$10.99. Pan Fried Walleye Dinner \$11.99 Baked Cod Filet dinner \$9.95. Deep Fried Cod Basket \$5.99. Saturday Nite BBQ Rib Dinner \$8.95. 1/2 slab \$11.95, full slab. All dinners are served with soup, salad, vegetable and potatoes. Sunday, Nascar food and drink specials. (989) 275-5445. (2/28/02/1/8)

**ADVERTISING DEADLINES:** Regular Display - 1/2 to full page, 5 p.m. Thursday. All others 5 p.m. Friday. Classified Display - 12 noon Monday. Classified by the word - 12 noon Tuesday. These deadlines may change with notice due to holidays or special publication.

**NEW AT SKYLINE RESTAURANT** Air conditioning. (-18-25-1-8/8)

## 9. Personals

**GOOD LUCK** Mighty Mo and Mighty Matt, from the girls at The Sawmill. (-25/9)

To my parents  
**Ron & Bonnie Whitney**  
on July 22  
**Happy 30th**  
**Wedding Anniversary**



Love,  
Angela

**Happy 1st Birthday**  
to our little princess,  
**Noelle**



July 28th

Love,  
Mommy & Daddy

**NOVENA TO ST. JUDE** - May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. By the eighth day, your prayer will be answered. Publication must be promised. Thank you, St. Jude. 3X.

**PRAYER TO THE Blessed Virgin** (never known to fail) - most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O, Star of the Sea, help me and show me that You are my Mother. O, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to help me in my necessity. (Make your request). There are none that can withstand your power. O, Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you. (Three times.) Holy Mary, place this prayer in your hands. (Three times.) Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then publish it and it will be granted to you. Grateful thanks. 3X.

**PRAYER TO the Holy Spirit.** You, who make me see everything and show me the way to reach my ideal. You who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and You who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue, want to thank You for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from You no matter how great the material desire may be. I want to be with You and my loved ones in Your perpetual glory. Amen. Thank You for Your love towards me and my loved ones. Person must pray this 3 consecutive days without asking for a wish. After 3rd day, your wish will be granted, no matter how difficult it may be. Promise to publish this dialogue as soon as your favor has been granted. 3X

## 10. Garage Sales

**COMMUNITY RUMMAGE SALE** Whispering Pines and Grayling Pines on Meadows Dr. behind K-Mart. Friday, July 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 27, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Whispering Pines sale will be in Community Room, and Grayling Pines will have Side Walk Sales. Come and see something for everyone. Rain or shine. (-25/10)

**601 FERN ST.** Candles, craft and Indian items, odds and ends. Friday and Saturday, 9-5. (-25/10)

**GARAGE SALE** 15451 Riverview Rd. S.E. Eight miles west of Grayling off M-72. Thursday thru Saturday. 8 a.m. till ? Boat, rototiller, tools, pans, camping equipment. Too much to list. (-25/10)

**MULTI FAMILY GARAGE SALE** July 26, 9:00 to 3:00 and July 27, 9:00 to 1:00. 1231 Florida Place, Lake Margrethe, furniture, baby items, motors, appliances, bikes, paddle boat, clothes and much more. (-25/10)

**YARD SALE** Friday, 26, Saturday, 27, 9:00 to 3:00. 105 W. North Park off Roberts Road. Clothes, household items and more. (-25/10)

**RIVER FESTIVAL FLING** at J. Dap. Co. 118 Michigan Ave. Wear your AuSable River Festival T-shirt (current or previous years) for daily sales starting July 22-29. Special sale items change daily up to 50% off regular gift lines if you are wearing your Marathon T-shirt. Remember Friday July 26 is wear your Marathon Shirt Day. We're celebrating all week! (Sorry, no gift card punches during sale and excludes JC Penney. (-18-25/10)

**VOTE AUG. 6** for Jim Burch for County Road Commissioner. Paid for by the committee to elect, James E. Burch, P.O. Box 101, Grayling, MI 49738. (-25/10)

## 10. Garage Sales

**GARAGE SALE** Many items. Turn right before camp on Margrethe Blvd., follow the signs. Thursday, Friday, 9:00 to 4:00. (-25/10)

**THREE FAMILIES.** Toys, baby clothes, household things, and guy stuff plus electronics. 107 Valley View in Mobile Estates. Friday, 9:00-4:00, Saturday, 9:00-2:00. (-25/10)

**905 ROBIN HOOD** Huge Sale, Friday, Saturday, July 26, 27, 9:00 to 5:00. Antique glass, rocking chair, rocking horse, Bucksaw, miscellaneous household, dinette, dishwasher, tables, chairs, 10 speed, microwave, brass/glass shelves, miscellaneous kitchen, Barbie's, walker, swing, books, tons of miscellaneous. (-25/10)

**YARD SALE** July 26 and 27. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Decorative household items, wicker elephant, shelf, flower pots, slalom water ski, in-line-skates size 10, lots of unusual stuff, stop in and take a look! 6251 W. M-72 Highway, just east of Jim's Farm Market. (-25/10)

**GARAGE SALE** Saturday, July 27, 9:00 to 3:00. 1007 Ogemaw. Sofa, chairs and recliner. (-25/10)

**FREE GARAGE SALE** Friday, Saturday and 1/2 Sunday, 225 Jeannette, Clough subdivision. Same Day Moving Sale. (-25/10)

**YARD SALE** Saturday only! Tools appliances, 9:00-4:00, 2247 Danish Landing Rd. (-25/10)

**GARAGE SALE** Snowblower, domestic water solar collector and exchanger, washer and dryer, new 7 ft. bathroom counter top with molded double sinks. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 9:00 to ? Take Roberts Rd. right on Warner, end of rd. to 60 Beauty Dr. (-25/10)

**HUGE TWO FAMILY** Garage Sale Very nice children's clothing, girls 0-6 yrs, boys 0-12 mo's. Baby furniture and lots of toys. If you are shopping for kids this is the sale for you. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 9-? Roberts Rd. right on Warner end of rd. to 60 Beauty Dr. (-25/10)

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## 11. Automotive

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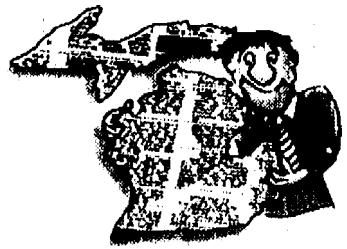
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# AuSable River Canoe Marathon

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# Feeding Frenzy

By Kate Southard

Dedication. Commitment. Teamwork. Enthusiasm. Perseverance. You'll need all of these qualities for this week's 55th Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon. While paddling the Marathon certainly requires these characteristics – and more – some say even more challenging than paddling is taking on the task of feeding. Widely known as the richest, toughest non-stop canoe race in North America, the AuSable Marathon is also known as the world's toughest spectator sport. More than half of the 120-mile non-stop canoe race is run throughout the night, beginning in Grayling Michigan and ending at the shores of Lake Huron in Oscoda some 14+ hours later.

It is estimated that 50,000+ people watch the race at viewing points along the racecourse. Of these 50,000 fans and team supporters, there are a few hundred who make the Marathon possible. They are the feeders – and they are the virtual lifelines of each and every team that paddles the race.

Usually consisting of four to six people per canoe, but sometimes only one or two, these teams of feeders, also known as bank runners or support crews, pass food, clothes, extra paddles, flashlights, pain medicine and any number of other items to paddlers during the course of the race.

Days and weeks prior to the race, support crews and the teams that they are feeding sit



Photo by Kate Southard

**Efficient and effective feeds are crucial to a team's success. Water bottles, food and extra paddles must be passed from feeder to racer without missing a stroke.**

down to plan how and where they will make the feeds during each part of the race. Given that a significant portion of the race is completed during nighttime hours, members of each crew usually "scout out" the feeder locations to become familiar

with the layout of the river prior to race day.

In addition to deciding where feeds will take place, teams must also decide what will be passed and how the pass will be accomplished. Different paddlers want different essentials. Fruit and vegetables are popular with many paddlers. In addition, cold pasta and energy bars are favorites. For liquids, many paddlers drink high-carbohydrate mixes and self-concocted

"energy boosters." No matter what their choice of food and beverage is, paddlers must be able to eat quickly and generally do so with one hand.

Eighteen-year-old Alfred Borchers of Grayling is competing in his third Weyerhaeuser AuSable Canoe Marathon. Becoming the 2001 state amateur champion could not have been accomplished, Borchers observed, without the help of his

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Photo by Steve Southard

**After paddling for five to seven straight hours teams must portage the first of six hydro-electric dams that they will encounter during the course of the 120 mile race. While feeder teams provide food, clothing and extra paddles, they must also have pain pills, muscle creams and fresh flashlight batteries on hand at a moment's notice.**

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

• Grayling AuSable  
River Festival

• Oscoda's  
AuSable River Days

• Weyerhaeuser  
AuSable River Canoe  
Marathon

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# Feeding Frenzy cont'd

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feeders. "The support of your feeders can make or break your race," he said. "They do more than just feed...they tell you what your times are, when to speed up, when to slow down and when to puke."

Borchers adds that his diet during the race may differ slightly from that of other racers. While he eats many of the same essentials that other paddlers eat - power bars, pasta and Ensure, a supplement drink - Borchers also includes animal crackers, gummy bears, and Kool Aid in his diet. And, while many racers eat bananas to keep their muscles from tensing up and cramping, (they are a great source of potassium) Borchers doesn't eat bananas, so his feeders pass him potassium pills during the night.

In addition to strange diets, paddlers sometimes make unusual requests of their feeders, who are then sent into a scramble to meet their team's needs. In the event of a hole in a boat, lighter fluid and matches are needed to dry the boat before duct tape is applied. Many male competitors request band-aids in the late hours of the race to keep their nipples from chaffing from the constant rub of their shirts. Many paddlers request Vaseline at certain stops to apply to their bottoms for prevention of chapping. Other competitors have been known to ask for anything from a chocolate shake from McDonalds to a cold beer at the finish line. It is a feeder's duty to meet every request.

Considered to be one of the greatest canoe racers of all time, Jeff Kolka, 43, of Grayling is a hometown favorite. He is competing in his 19th Marathon and has placed first, with partner Serge Corbin of

Quebec in every AuSable Marathon since 1996. When asked about the importance of feeder teams in canoe racing, Kolka compares it to car racing. "You have to think about a pit crew in NASCAR racing," says Kolka. "You can have an amazing driver, but without his team - his support crew to help him - he's nothing."

Kolka adds that pit crews are there not only to provide material things like food and clothing, they are also a competitor's biggest source of mental and emotional support. "It's amazing how they can give you a boost. You can be paddling along, it's dark, it's cold, you haven't seen anybody in a while and you sort of get in a rut mentally. Coming around a corner to a crew of people there to feed you and encourage you just gives you a whole new look on the next part of the race. It lifts your spirit and gives you new found energy."

If you're wondering what the secret of Kolka's success is - you're not going to find it here. And more than that, according to Kolka there really is nothing secret or special about his routine. The night of the Marathon, Kolka eats: fruit including nectarines, bananas and grapes; salty cheeses known as curd cheese in the Upper Peninsula; chicken noodle soup; peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and instant oatmeal. Drinks include water, Cytomax and the supplement drink Ensure. And occasionally, if he has an upset stomach, watered down Coke or Vernors usually does the trick.

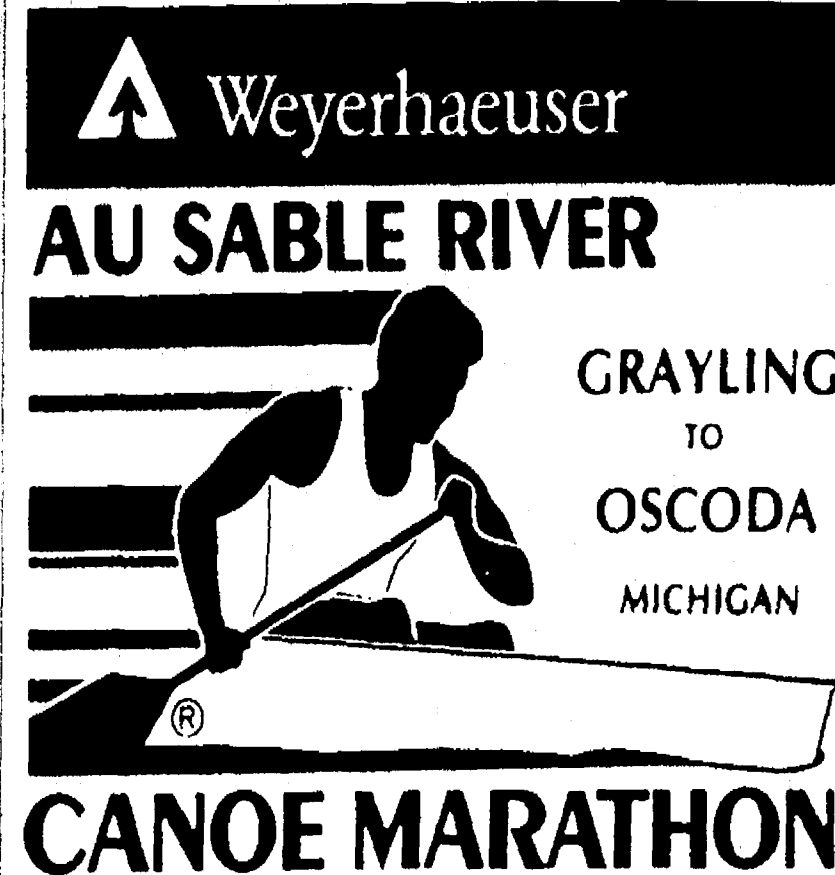
As far as locations for feeds, Kolka's team utilizes many of the same spots that the rest of the racers use. Almost all teams use each of the six hydroelectric dam portages.

In addition to feeding at the dams, the Kolka support crew also plans for stops at "secret spots" along the course as well. As a member of the Kolka feeding team, Jeff's wife, Wini, says the main reason for this is the ability it gives you to better communicate with your team. "Fighting the crowds at other spots is a very difficult thing to do," says Wini. "Communicating with your team is absolutely critical. They have to be able to tell you what they need and you have to be able to tell them their times. Doing feeds at areas along the river that nobody else is at allows for this."

While feeding for a team in the AuSable Marathon is a challenge in and of itself, being on the support crew of your husband can be even more difficult. Not only is Wini concerned with making sure that each feed is done properly, she has a substantial emotional weight on her shoulders as well.

"When you're feeding for your husband, it's a whole different story all together," Wini says. "Everything that he is going through, I go through too. I feel all of the emotions that he feels. When he's doing well, we're feeling good. And when he's not doing so well, we both feel that too."

While being on the support crew of a team in a canoe race can be challenging in some ways, it is also a chance for those who have just been spectators to become more directly involved in the race...your involvement in the race will have an effect on the outcome. "If you're a racing fan," adds Wini, "feeding for a team at least once is an absolute must. It will give you a whole different perspective of the sport. And more than that...it's a lot of fun."



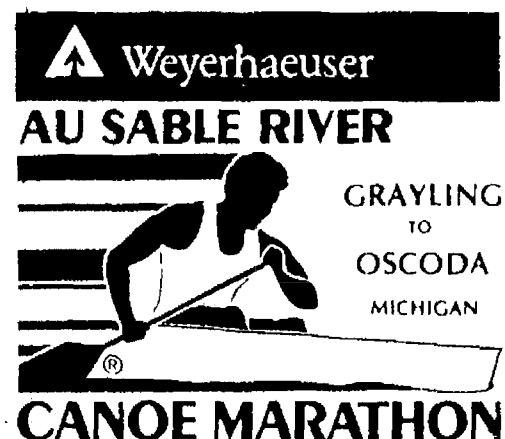
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| 12th . . . . . \$900   | \$150 per team         |
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| 14th . . . . . \$800   | beyond: \$750          |
| 15th . . . . . \$750   | total; not to          |
| 16th . . . . . \$700   | exceed \$150 per       |
| 17th . . . . . \$650   | team                   |
| 18th . . . . . \$625   | <b>\$4,400 will be</b> |
| 19th . . . . . \$600   | <b>awarded in</b>      |
| 20th . . . . . \$575   | <b>bonuses</b>         |
| 21st . . . . . \$550   |                        |
| 22nd . . . . . \$525   | <b>Amateur</b>         |
| 23rd . . . . . \$500   | <b>Division Prizes</b> |
| 24th . . . . . \$475   | Unique trophies        |
| 25th . . . . . \$450   | will be awarded to     |
| 26th . . . . . \$425   | all amateur teams      |
| 27th . . . . . \$400   | who complete the       |
| 28th . . . . . \$375   | course within 19       |
| 29th . . . . . \$350   | hours!                 |
| 30th . . . . . \$325   |                        |



## 55th AuSable River Canoe Marathon

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# Triple Crown of Canoe Racing

The Weyerhaeuser AuSable Canoe Marathon is the middle leg of the prestigious Triple Crown of Canoe Racing™ which recognizes the top performances by marathon canoe racers who compete at:

- The General Clinton Canoe Regatta - staged Memorial Day on New York's Susquehanna River - a one-day, non-stop 70 mile race from Cooperstown, home of the Baseball Hall of Fame, to Bainbridge, New York.
- The Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon
- La Classique de Canots de la Mauricie - staged Labor Day weekend on central Quebec's majestic St. Maurice River - a three-day, three-stage race from La Tuque to Shawinigan, Quebec.

This year marks the eleventh anniversary of the Triple Crown. Since its inception in 1992, the Triple Crown competition has been dominated by Serge Corbin, 45, of St. Boniface de Shawinigan, Quebec. Corbin has taken the Triple Crown championship every year, either individually or together with his partner. Corbin and Jeff Kolka of Grayling, Michigan, claimed the Triple Crown Championship in both 2000 and 2001; they will be going for a "Triple-Triple" during the 2002 racing season.

These world-class canoe racing events generate national and international media interest and exposure. Triple Crown news reports have been carried worldwide by cable and satellite TV sports and news services. National print media have also begun to recognize the unique interest and appeal of these canoe racing spectacles. For information about the Triple Crown of Canoe Racing, contact the organizing committee at P.O. Box 911, Grayling, Michigan, 49738.



Photo by Kate Southard

**The Champs!!**  
Jeff Kolka [bow] and Serge Corbin [stern] have not only won the last 6 consecutive Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathons, they have also jointly shared the Triple Crown of Canoe Racing Championship in 2000 and 2001; they will be going for Triple-Triple during the 2002 racing season.

## 2001 Triple Crown of Canoe Racing \* Final Standings

Based On The Results of the General Clinton Canoe Regatta, Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon and La Classique de Canots de la Mauricie

| Competitor        | Age | City                 | State/Province | General Clinton Place | General Clinton Time | AuSable Marathon Place | AuSable Marathon Time | La Classique Place | La Classique Time | Points Ranking | Cumulative Time | Triple Crown Position |
|-------------------|-----|----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Serge Corbin      | 44  | St. Boniface         | Quebec         | 1                     | 7:48:31              | 1                      | 15:06:48              | 1                  | 13:35:20          | 3              | 36:30:39        | 1                     |
| Jeff Kolka        | 42  | Grayling             | Michigan       | 1                     | 7:48:31              | 1                      | 15:06:48              | 1                  | 13:35:20          | 3              | 36:30:39        | 1                     |
| Denis Berthiaume  | 36  | Pre'vost             | Quebec         | 3                     | 7:53:21              | 2                      | 15:15:46              | 4                  | 13:52:38          | 9              | 37:01:45        | 2                     |
| Louis Berthiaume  | 42  | Berthiville          | Quebec         | 3                     | 7:53:21              | 3                      | 15:18:28              | 4                  | 13:52:38          | 10             | 37:04:27        | 3                     |
| Steve Lajoie      | 25  | Vaudreuil-Sur-Le-Lac | Quebec         | 5                     | 7:56:08              | 4                      | 15:22:06              | 2                  | 13:48:12          | 11             | 37:06:26        | 4                     |
| Bill Torongo      | 39  | Roscommon            | Michigan       | 7                     | 7:56:25              | 4                      | 15:22:06              | 5                  | 13:55:33          | 16             | 37:14:04        | 5                     |
| Peter Heed        | 51  | Westmoreland         | New Hampshire  | 13                    | 8:12:29              | 17                     | 16:40:21              | 16                 | 14:21:30          | 46             | 39:14:20        | 6                     |
| Doug Howard       | 40  | Townsend             | Vermont        | 18                    | 8:23:36              | 15                     | 16:19:55              | 21                 | 14:42:21          | 54             | 39:25:52        | 7                     |
| Lisa Salvini      | 37  | Montgomery           | Massachusetts  | 18                    | 8:23:36              | 15                     | 16:19:55              | 21                 | 14:42:21          | 54             | 39:25:52        | 7                     |
| Fred Rayman       | 52  | Ely                  | Minnesota      | 27                    | 8:29:47              | 19                     | 16:42:57              | 17                 | 14:26:52          | 63             | 39:39:36        | 8                     |
| Pierre LaPointe   | 59  | Shawinigan-Sud       | Quebec         | 21                    | 8:26:16              | 23                     | 16:50:50              | 22                 | 14:46:20          | 66             | 40:03:26        | 9                     |
| Devin Arenz       | 24  | Cass Lake            | Minnesota      | 30                    | 8:35:12              | 31                     | 17:10:22              | 20                 | 14:39:47          | 81             | 40:25:21        | 10                    |
| Kathy Manizza     | 43  | Mansfield            | Connecticut    | 43                    | 8:50:03              | 20                     | 16:43:43              | 30                 | 14:57:32          | 93             | 40:31:18        | 11                    |
| Lynne Witte       | 47  | Mt. Clemens          | Michigan       | 31                    | 8:35:37              | 24                     | 16:57:25              | 41                 | 15:15:29          | 96             | 40:48:31        | 12                    |
| Blaise St. Pierre | 61  | Lac-St Charles       | Quebec         | 22                    | 8:27:37              | 23                     | 16:50:50              | 58                 | 15:51:32          | 103            | 41:09:59        | 13                    |
| Al Widing, Sr.    | 76  | Mio                  | Michigan       | 38                    | 8:40:50              | 18                     | 16:40:55              | 48                 | 15:31:36          | 104            | 40:53:21        | 14                    |
| Abby Kingman      | 39  | Goshen               | Massachusetts  | 45                    | 8:52:49              | 25                     | 16:57:41              | 39                 | 15:10:35          | 109            | 41:01:05        | 15                    |
| Jerry Brown       | 40  | Carrollton           | Texas          | 39                    | 8:44:22              | 30                     | 17:08:11              | 61                 | 15:57:30          | 130            | 41:50:03        | 16                    |
| Richard Steppe    | 43  | Irving               | Texas          | 39                    | 8:44:22              | 30                     | 17:08:11              | 61                 | 15:57:30          | 130            | 41:50:03        | 16                    |
| Amy Solak         | 36  | Traverse City        | Michigan       | 54                    | 9:11:14              | 38                     | 17:45:26              | 64                 | 16:10:58          | 156            | 43:07:38        | 17                    |
| Frank Smutek      | 67  | Luzerne              | Michigan       | 54                    | 9:11:14              | 38                     | 17:45:26              | 64                 | 16:10:58          | 156            | 43:07:38        | 17                    |
| Bruce Barton**    | 44  | Homer                | Michigan       | 9                     | 8:00:29              | DNF                    |                       | 6                  | 13:57:40          |                | 21:58:09        | **                    |
| Ed Lazar**        | 44  | Grosse Pointe Woods  | Michigan       | 28                    | 8:30:47              | DNF                    |                       | 44                 | 15:22:52          |                | 23:53:39        | **                    |
| Matthew Rimer**   | 17  | Horton               | Michigan       | 8                     | 8:00:07              | DNF                    |                       | 6                  | 13:57:40          |                | 21:57:47        | **                    |
| Joe Shaw**        | 46  | Worthington          | Massachusetts  | DNF                   |                      | 20                     | 16:43:43              | 18                 | 14:30:36          |                | 31:14:19        | **                    |
| Gareth Stevens**  | 49  | Hubertus             | Wisconsin      | 50                    | 9:01:54              | DNF                    |                       | 45                 | 15:26:56          |                | 24:28:50        | **                    |
| Dwight Walker**   | 47  | Richland             | Michigan       | 28                    | 8:30:47              | DNF                    |                       | 44                 | 15:22:52          |                | 23:53:39        | **                    |
| Jon Webb**        | 41  | Hubbard Lake         | Michigan       | 23                    | 8:28:27              | DNF                    |                       | 37                 | 15:08:24          |                | 23:36:51        | **                    |

\*\* Each of these contestants entered all three Triple Crown of Canoe Racing events, but had a "DNF" [Did Not Finish] in one event



Photo by Steve Southard

*The final portage - [Left] Denis Berthiaume, of Pre'vost, Quebec, [bow] and partner Tony Short, of Indian River, Michigan, [stern]; [Right] John Sullivan, of Grayling, Michigan, and partner Louis Berthiaume, of Berthiville, Quebec. (Denis & Louis are brothers) The two teams are putting in the river after the Foote Dam portage...the last portage in the race. Denis & Tony sprinted to the finish to take second place in the 2001 Marathon, completing an impressive charge from 6th place toward the front of the pack.*



# Grayling's AuSable River Festival

## Schedule of Events

### SATURDAY, JULY 20th

**Sprints for C-2 Race**  
10:00 a.m. ~ City Park  
Sponsored by  
Spike's Keg 'O' Nails

**Spike's Challenge C-1 Race**  
6:00 p.m.  
Borcher's AuSable Canoe Livery

### TUESDAY, JULY 23rd

**Ice Cream Social & Dance**  
**King and Queen Inauguration**  
5:30 p.m. at Lawndale St.  
Sponsored by Crawford County  
Commission on Aging

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 24th

**Children's Day**  
10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Grayling City Park  
Sponsored by the AuSable River  
Festival and the Grayling Regional  
Chamber of Commerce

**Encore Winds on the Banks**  
7:30-9:30 p.m.  
Ray's Canoe Livery  
Sponsored by Crawford AuSable  
Community Education

### THURSDAY, JULY 25th

**Community Coffee Break**  
8:00 - 11:00 a.m.  
Citizen's Bank  
Sponsored by Citizen's Bank

**River Festival Book Sale**  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Devereaux Memorial Library  
Sponsored by  
Friends of the Library

**Business Relay Races**  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Penrod's AuSable River Resort  
Sponsored by Camp Grayling  
Conservation Club

### FRIDAY, JULY 26th

**River Festival Book Sale**  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Devereaux Memorial Library  
Sponsored by  
Friends of the Library

**Quilt Sitters' Quilt Show**  
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Icehouse Quilt Shop

**Youth Canoe Races**  
10:00 a.m. - Borcher's AuSable  
Canoe Livery  
11-14 years & 15-17 years

**27th Annual AuSable River  
Fine Arts & Crafts Show**  
10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Grayling City Park  
Sponsored by the  
Grayling Regional  
Chamber of Commerce

**Rock Wall - At Penrod's**  
2:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m.

**USS Intimidator - Simulator**  
5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

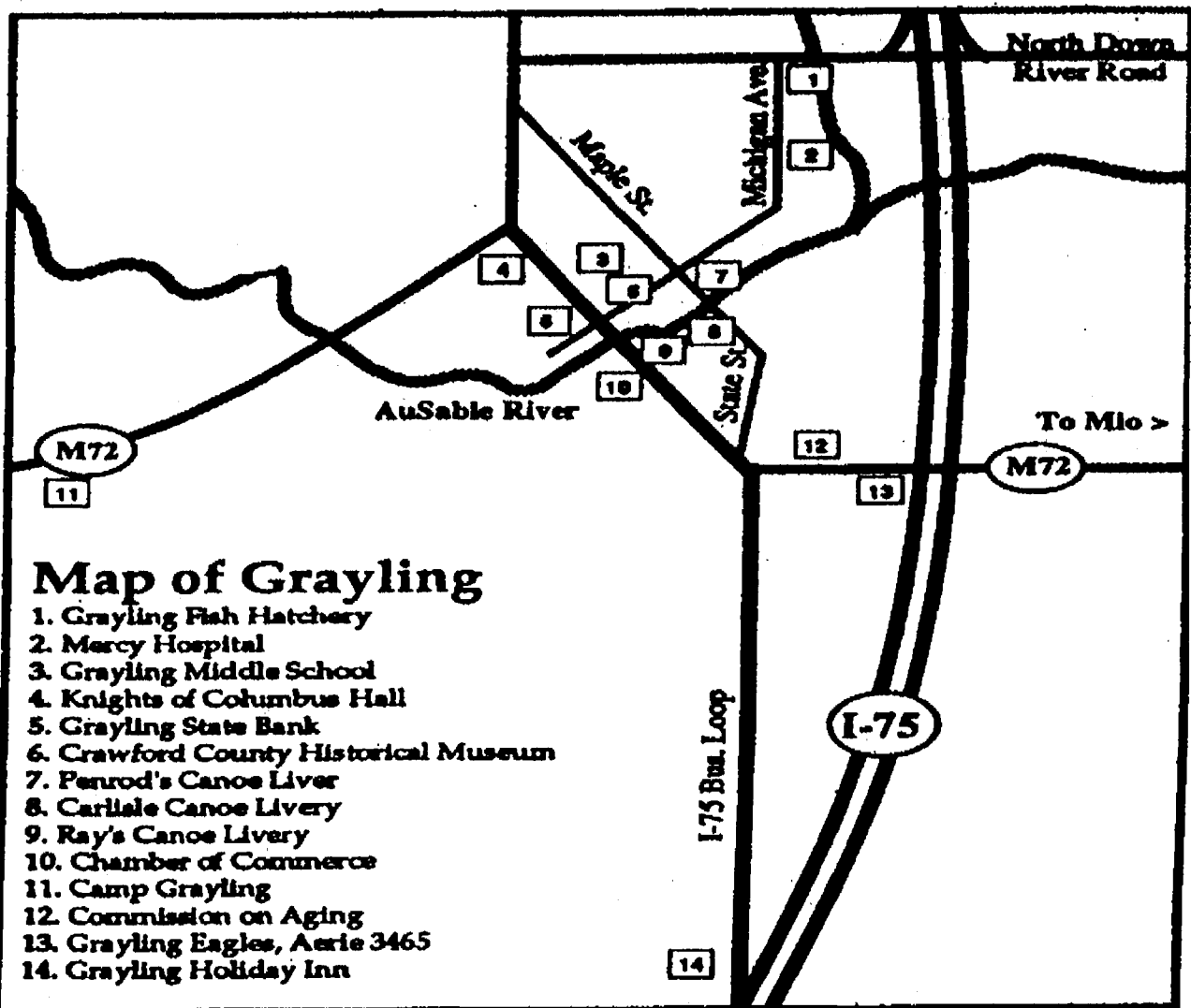
**126th Military Band Concert**  
8:00 p.m.  
Grayling Township Hall

### SATURDAY, JULY 27th

**23rd Annual GRA AuSable River  
10k & 1 Mile Fun Run and Walk**  
8:30 a.m.  
1 Mile Fun Run and Walk  
9:00 a.m. - AuSable River 10k Run  
Registration at  
Grayling High School  
Sponsored by  
Hart Pontiac-GMC-Buick,  
Dr.'s Dean & Aubry Optometrists  
& Milltown Title & Escrow

**Marathon Breakfast**  
8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
308 Lawndale St.  
Sponsored by Crawford County  
Commission on Aging

**Quilt Sitters Quilt Show**  
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
The Icehouse Quilt Shop



**Classic Car Show**  
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Michigan Avenue  
Sponsored by Eclipse Conversions  
of Elkhart, IN, Scheer Motors,  
RE/MAX of Grayling, Upper  
Lakes Tire Distribution of  
Grayling, Inc., Grayling Uptown  
District Association, Grayling Area  
Visitors Council

**27th Annual AuSable River  
Fine Arts & Crafts Show**  
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Grayling City Park  
Sponsored by the Grayling  
Regional Chamber of Commerce

**Flea Market**  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Masonic Lodge (next to Rialto),  
Michigan Avenue  
Sponsored by the Order of the  
Eastern Star

**USS Intimidator - Simulator**  
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Grayling City Park

**Food Court**  
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Michigan Ave.

**Rock Wall**  
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Michigan Avenue

**Michelson Memorial Church  
Ice Cream Social**  
12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
400 E. Michigan

**9th Annual Ox & Pork Roast**  
12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.  
Grayling Eagles Hall - M-72 East

**7th Annual Rotary Chicken BBQ**  
12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.  
American Legion  
Sponsored by  
Grayling Rotary Club

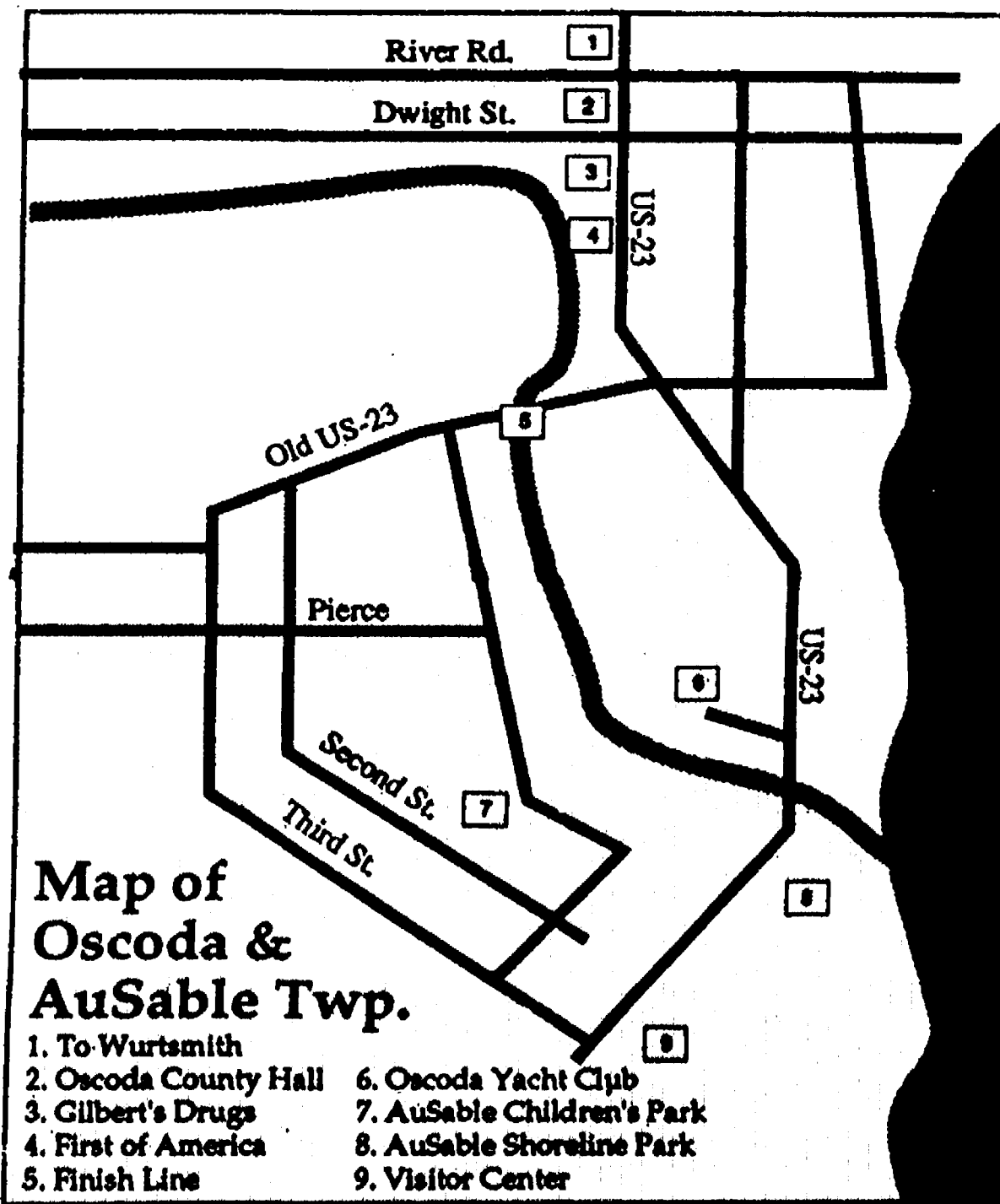
**AuSable River Festival Parade**  
3:00 p.m. - Michigan Avenue  
Sponsored by Grayling Parade  
Committee

**3rd Annual Skateboard  
Competition**  
1:00 p.m. - Michigan Avenue  
Sponsored by Boards & Beyond

**Music & Street Dance**  
9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.  
Michigan Avenue  
Sponsored by  
Steven's Family Circle

### SUNDAY, JULY 28th

**AuSable River Valley  
Black Bear Bicycle Tour**  
8:00 a.m. Start on Michigan Ave.  
Sponsored by  
Grayling Rotary Club



## Oscoda's AuSable River Days Schedule of Events

### July 22-27

**Iosco County Fair**  
Takes place in Hale, Michigan  
off of M-65.

### July 27-28

**AuSable River Days**  
Join in the fun as the Oscoda-  
AuSable area celebrates the beauty  
of this magnificent river and  
community

**Gagaguwon Traditional Pow Wow**  
9am-7pm - Experience the Native  
American spirit at this traditional  
event featuring dance, costumes and  
authentic Indian crafts

### July 27

**United Methodist Men's  
Fellowship BBQ Challenge**  
11am-3pm in the parking lot on  
River Rd. just west of the traffic light.

**Annual Duck Race**  
3pm at the AuSable Finish Line Park.  
Your chance to win cash & prizes

**Mr. Jack Daniel's  
Original Silver Cornet Band**  
8pm at the Oscoda Beach Park  
Nostalgic turn-of-the-century music  
under the stars

### July 28

**Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe  
Marathon Finish Line Events**  
10am - 4pm at the AuSable Finish  
Line Park & AuSable Inn



# Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon

## GRAYLING

**Thursday, July 25, 2002**

**Sprints for starting position**  
5-8 p.m.

Penrod's AuSable River Resort

**Friday, July 26, 2002**

**Sprints for starting position**  
2-5:45 p.m.

Penrod's AuSable River Resort

**Special Olympics Challenge**  
4:30 p.m.

Marathon Racers paddle a looped course with a Special Olympian  
Penrod's AuSable River Resort

**Marathon Paddlers Dinner**  
6:30 p.m.  
Grayling Holiday Inn

**Saturday, July 27, 2002**

**Marathon Pre-Race Briefing**  
12:00 noon  
at Citizen's Bank

**All remaining events held at  
Ray's Canoe Livery:**

- 6:00 p.m. Pre-Marathon Program
- 7:00 p.m. Introduction of Paddlers
- 7:25 p.m. Posting of Colors by Michigan National Guard
- 8:45 p.m. Marathon Raffle Drawing
- 9:00 p.m. START of the 55th Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon

## OSCODA

**Sunday, July 28, 2002**

**AuSable Marathon Finish Line Activities ~ 10 a.m.**  
at the Finish Line Part and AuSable Inn.

The winning team will arrive between 11 a.m. & Noon.

**Oscoda Challenge Race Events**

The Oscoda C-1 Challenge race is on Sunday, July 28th. Registration starts at 12:00 noon and the race begins at 1:00 p.m. Entry fee is \$10; non-cash prizes go to the top three paddlers. Proceeds benefit the Marathon. For more information contact Christine Rudolph (989) 739-2946

*A Le Mans start. Racing against canoes. A race unlike any other...*

## THE BLACK BEAR

On July 28, 2002 at 8 in the morning bicyclists from throughout Michigan will once again leave Grayling in pursuit of canoes with an 11 hour head start. Think you can beat a canoe with that much of a lead on a 100 mile route? Many have tried, but no one has yet beaten the fastest canoes to Oscoda. Will this be the year?

The AuSable River Valley Black Bear Bicycle Tour offers many options to bicyclists of all ages and levels, even tandems. Choose to race the canoes to Oscoda, enjoy the sites while touring to Oscoda, or make loops of 75, 28 or 6 miles. All the loops follow the Oscoda route to a certain point and then head back to Grayling. The entry fee is only \$15 before July 15th and just \$25 afterwards. Helmets and a U.S.C.F. license are required. One day licenses run \$5 at the event. If you have no one available to drive to Oscoda and meet you, \$20 shuttle rides are available from Oscoda back to Grayling. Cash prizes are awarded in each class: youth; women's and men's classes in 18-39, 40-55 and 65+ age groups; and the elusive tandem. Over \$1,000 in prize money will be given away.

The AuSable River Valley Black Bear Bicycle Tour is sponsored by the Grayling Rotary Club to encourage



Photo by Barb Bower

cyclists to take advantage of the opportunities offered by the AuSable River Valley. The State Forest in the Mio area has been identified by Bicycling Magazine as one of the "50 Best Areas on the Planet to Ride." Come see the canoes off the evening before in Grayling and then enjoy a challenging ride and outstanding scenery as you follow them the next day. The road surfaces are very good, with the slight exception of some broken pavement where the DNR is working to get funds to resurface and expand the paved trail system near Grayling. Food and water stations will be in at least five locations along the route, probably more. Food and drinks will also be available at the end of the race in Oscoda. A baggage truck and support vehicles will be out on the route the whole time.

All money raised from this

event goes to the work of the Grayling Rotary Club. Every year they provide free helmets to hundreds of children participating in the Grayling Bicycle Rodeo. Locally the club has also funded everything from scholarships to the construction of non-motorized trails. Internationally Rotary is working on the eradication of Polio from the planet by 2005. We only have a few countries to go.

Oh, and that Le Man's start. It is a little different to have everyone run to their bikes to start, but at least you don't have to run four blocks shouldering a canoe like the paddlers do. In honor of the historic Weyerhaeuser International AuSable Canoe Marathon, we have you run, sans bikes, for the start of the Black Bear. Most racers recommend leaving your shoes on the pedals.

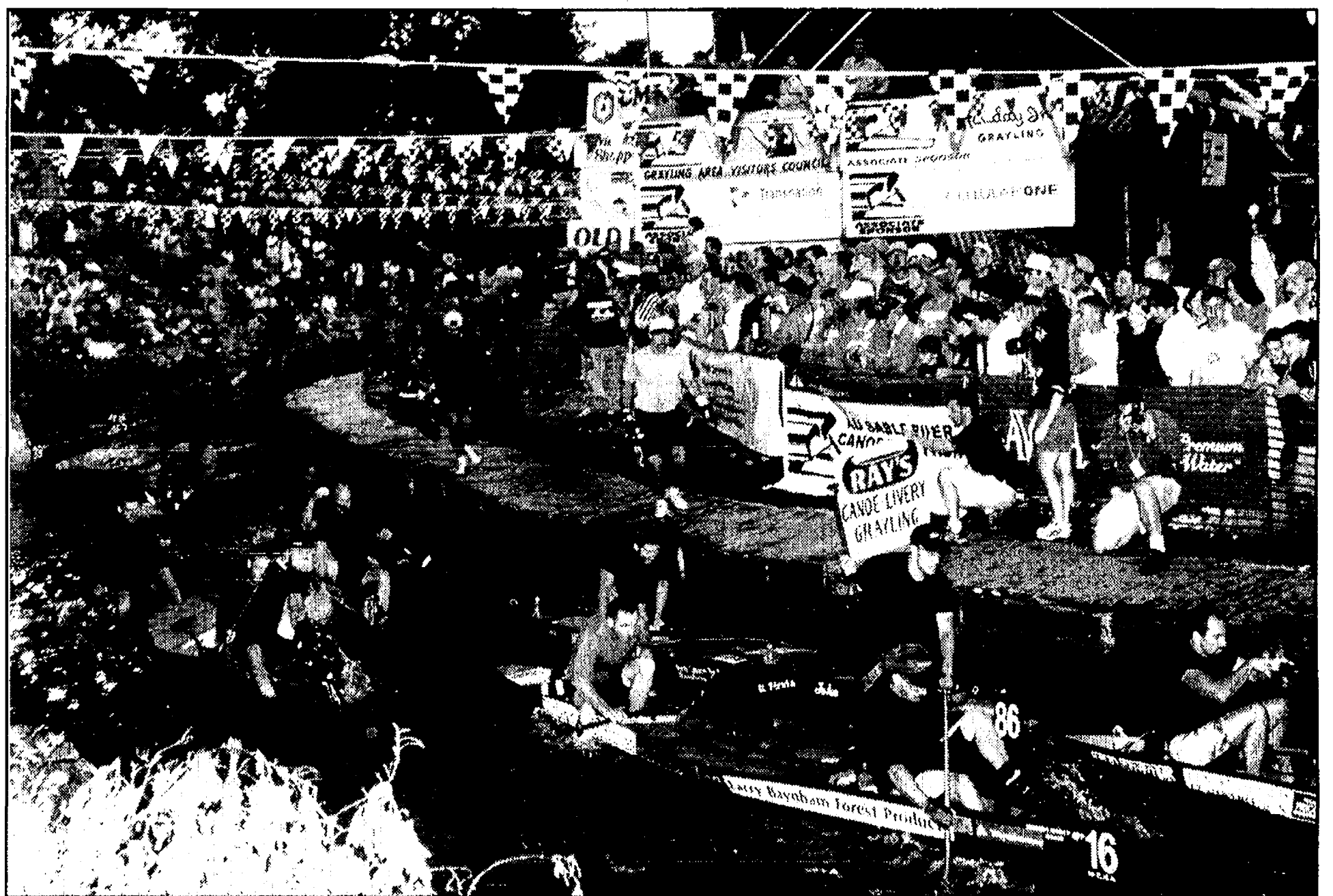


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*The LeMans-style running start of the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon has been described with a wide variety of adjectives...exciting, thrilling, spine-tingling, intense...and many more! Thousands of fans will fill the riverbanks in Grayling at the start of the 2002 edition of this granddaddy of canoe races. The starting gun goes off at 9 PM, Saturday, July 27. The pre-race entertainment program begins at Ray's Canoe Livery at 6 PM.*



# Entry List 2002

| #  | Competitor        | Age | City                 | State/Province | #   | Competitor        | Age | City            | State/Province |
|----|-------------------|-----|----------------------|----------------|-----|-------------------|-----|-----------------|----------------|
| 0  | Robert Bradford   | 59  | Lapeer               | Michigan       | 46  | Frank Smutek      | 68  | Luzerne         | Michigan       |
|    | David Phelps      | 15  | Burton               | Michigan       |     | Ashley Marsh      | 25  | Mio             | Michigan       |
| 1  | John Sullivan     | 32  | Grayling             | Michigan       | 50  | Erich Podjaske    | 20  | Grayling        | Michigan       |
|    | Bill Torongo      | 40  | Roscommon            | Michigan       |     | Dave Jensen       | 38  | San Jose        | California     |
| 2  | Jim Harwood       | 37  | Grayling             | Michigan       | 54  | Lynne Witte       | 48  | Mt. Clemens     | Michigan       |
|    | Tim Valko         | 33  | Pinckney             | Michigan       |     | Kathy Manizza     | 44  | Mansfield       | Connecticut    |
| 3  | Mo Harwood        | 23  | Grayling             | Michigan       | 55  | André Parenteau   | 59  | Asbestos        | Quebec         |
|    | Matthew Rimer     | 18  | Horton               | Michigan       |     | Luc Parenteau     | 30  | Asbestos        | Quebec         |
| 5  | Bruce Barton      | 45  | Homer                | Michigan       | 57  | Jon Webb          | 42  | Hubbard Lake    | Michigan       |
|    | Steve Lajoie      | 26  | Vandrevil-Sur-Le-Lac | Quebec         |     | Doug Howard       | 42  | Townsend        | Vermont        |
| 8  | Nicholas D'Amour  | 18  | Grayling             | Michigan       | 58  | Laura Waldo       | 39  | Albion          | Michigan       |
|    | Matthew Ashton    | 23  | Grayling             | Michigan       |     | Glenn Walquist    | 41  | Albion          | Michigan       |
| 9  | Al Widing Sr.     | 77  | Mio                  | Michigan       | 60  | Mark Bialek       | 31  | Oscoda          | Michigan       |
|    | Bernie Tuszyński  | 45  | Gaylord              | Michigan       |     | Tom Trudgeon      | 43  | Grayling        | Michigan       |
| 10 | Ian Cote          | 30  | Shawinigan           | Quebec         | 63  | Patrick J Dour    | 49  | Beverly Hills   | Michigan       |
|    | Stephane Aubry    | 30  | Grand-Mere           | Quebec         |     | Patrick M Dour    | 19  | Beverly Hills   | Michigan       |
| 11 | Rick Joy          | 43  | Silverwood           | Michigan       | 64  | Blaise St. Pierre | 62  | Lac St. Charles | Quebec         |
|    | Ted Kolka         | 36  | Grayling             | Michigan       |     | Joe Seifert       | 50  | Grayling        | Michigan       |
| 13 | Joe Shaw          | 47  | Worthington          | Massachusetts  | 66  | Steve Watson      | 30  | Onaway          | Michigan       |
|    | Jeff Rankinen     | 38  | Jersey Shore         | Pennsylvania   |     | Al Shaver         | 35  | Meridale        | New York       |
| 16 | Jeff Kolka        | 43  | Grayling             | Michigan       | 71  | Richard Steppe    | 44  | Irving          | Texas          |
|    | Serge Corbin      | 45  | St. Boniface         | Quebec         |     | Jerry Brown       | 41  | Carrollton      | Texas          |
| 17 | Fred Mynar        | 43  | San Marcos           | Texas          | 77  | Sylvain Greffard  | 36  | La Tuque        | Quebec         |
|    | Kyle Mynar        | 17  | Kooperl              | Texas          |     | Yves Greffard     | 44  | La Tuque        | Quebec         |
| 19 | Tim Feldkamp      | 36  | Ann Arbor            | Michigan       | 79  | Brian Royce       | 30  | Roscommon       | Michigan       |
|    | Doug Heady        | 44  | Ann Arbor            | Michigan       |     | Craig Jacobs      | 37  | Roscommon       | Michigan       |
| 20 | Andy Addis        | 21  | Ann Arbor            | Michigan       | 80  | Dwayne Barnes     | 40  | Copemish        | Michigan       |
|    | Brett Addis       | 19  | Vicksburg            | Michigan       |     | Amy Solak         | 37  | Traverse City   | Michigan       |
| 22 | Fritz Hansen      | 61  | Union Grove          | Wisconsin      | 82  | Clark Kent        | 42  | Lapeer          | Michigan       |
|    | Kai Hansen        | 40  | Belleville           | Wisconsin      |     | Louis Berthiaume  | 43  | Berthiville     | Quebec         |
| 26 | Andy Melnychenko  | 39  | Ithaca               | New York       | 83  | Ray Bauer         | 45  | Cincinnati      | Ohio           |
|    | Lori Roseboom     | 36  | Mt. Vision           | New York       |     | Tom Ackemyer      | 37  | Cincinnati      | Ohio           |
| 27 | Dragan Olajdzija  | 42  | Toronto              | Ontario        | 84  | Wade Binion       | 23  | College Station | Texas          |
|    | Dwight Walker     | 48  | Richland             | Michigan       |     | Rob Wytaske       | 39  | College Station | Texas          |
| 28 | Armin Lopez       | 29  | San Ignacio          | Belize         | 90  | Robert Smith      | 28  | Roscommon       | Michigan       |
|    | Steve Landick     | 49  | Marquette            | Michigan       |     | Jason Snell       | 31  | Gaylord         | Michigan       |
| 35 | Al Widing Jr.     | 49  | Fenton               | Michigan       | 92  | Danny Hill        | 42  | Ishpeming       | Michigan       |
|    | Pete Mead         | 21  | Grayling             | Michigan       |     | Bob Carpenter     | 50  | Ishpeming       | Michigan       |
| 36 | Michael Garon     | 44  | Washington           | Michigan       | 97  | Barb Bradley      | 45  | Wausau          | Wisconsin      |
|    | David Timmerman   | 44  | Debuque              | Iowa           |     | Allen Limberg     | 44  | Wausau          | Wisconsin      |
| 38 | Steve Park        | 49  | Ely                  | Minnesota      | 99  | Rejean Huard      | 60  | Shawinigan      | Quebec         |
|    | Dan Litchfield    | 54  | Ely                  | Minnesota      |     | Gareth Stevens    | 50  | Hubertus        | Wisconsin      |
| 39 | Daniel Klinkhamer | 51  | Northville           | Michigan       | 120 | Robert Reed       | 26  | Grayling        | Michigan       |
|    | Bill DuBois       | 44  | Jackson              | Michigan       |     | Lee Barnet        | 21  | Grayling        | Michigan       |
| 40 | Fred Mills        | 48  | Roscommon            | Michigan       | 130 | Alfred Borchers   | 18  | Grayling        | Michigan       |
|    | Ted Smutek        | 34  | Luzerne              | Michigan       |     | Bob Stockton      | 18  | Roscommon       | Michigan       |
| 42 | Phil Trudgeon     | 42  | Grayling             | Michigan       | 131 | Donald Starks     | 16  | Grayling        | Michigan       |
|    | Jon Thompson      | 45  | Lewiston             | Michigan       |     | Brian Borchers    | 15  | Grayling        | Michigan       |
| 43 | Mike Hartman      | 26  | Roscommon            | Michigan       | 136 | Mark Noorman      | 33  | Cedar Springs   | Michigan       |
|    | Colin Hunter      | 21  | Grayling             | Michigan       |     | Ed Arnold         | 30  | Belding         | Michigan       |
| 45 | Serge Rouleau     | 57  | Grandes-Piles        | Quebec         | 167 | Rodney Halstead   | 17  | Grayling        | Michigan       |
|    | Francois Dagenais | 35  | Shawinigan           | Quebec         |     | Ryan Halstead     | 15  | Grayling        | Michigan       |

**Entry list as of July 19, 2002**  
**Good Luck Racers!!**



Photo by Steve Southard

*The canoes are carefully inspected to ensure that they meet the official specifications during the Paddlers Briefing and Official Inspection staged on the lawn of Citizens Bank beginning at noon Saturday. Ron Isles, of Dream Team Television a British TV production company has covered the race for a number of years. His reports have appeared on worldwide television.*

## With Special Thanks

**Amateur Radio Association of Hanson Hills** ~ for their excellent radio communications support during the race

**Ken Wright** ~ Marathon Web Master  
**Kirtland Community College** ~ for providing hosting of the Marathon website for massage therapy for the paddlers

**OTEC Communications** ~ for hand held radios for start line communications

**7-11 of Grayling** ~ for providing food for the Grayling Pledge Relay

**USA Trailer** ~ for use of a trailer for the Marathon float in the Grayling AuSable River Festival Parade

**Cellular One** ~ for use of phones during race weekend

**Karen Ross & the Grayling High School Choir; The Michelson Singers; Stacey Rosin Gay; Tom Phillips** ~ for singing at the Marathon Start Ceremonies

**Wayne Hindmarsh & Cheryl Alef** ~ for being the Masters of Ceremonies at the Start Line

**George Blaha** ~ for all of his help and support over many years

**David Sabin & Larry Helvie** ~ for their efforts with the Grayling Pledge Relay

**Avita** ~ for providing water for the start line VIP tent

**Ray's Canoeing & The Fly Factory** ~ hosts of the race start

**The AuSable Inn & Finish Line Sports Bar** ~ hosts of the race finish

**Penrod's Resort** ~ hosts of the Sprints for Position

**Borchers Canoe Livery & Carlisle Canoe Livery** ~ for providing additional parking during the Sprints

**Gott's Landing** ~ for use of their facilities during the race

**McDonald's of Grayling** ~ for support of the Grayling Basketball Free Throw Contest and Grayling AuSable Marathon Raffle

**Oscoda Home Center** ~ for supplies and the truck for our parade float

**Pat Dailey** ~ for the fabulous memorabilia quilt

**Herb Travis** ~ for the carved eagle and for supplying trash containers and pickup for the dams and Finish Line

**Charter Communications** ~ for the Charter Pipeline internet service at the Finish Line

**Gary & Renee Schneider** ~ for donating water for the paddlers

**Oscoda Carpet and Furniture** ~ for selling merchandise in their store and donating storage space

**Oscoda-AuSable**

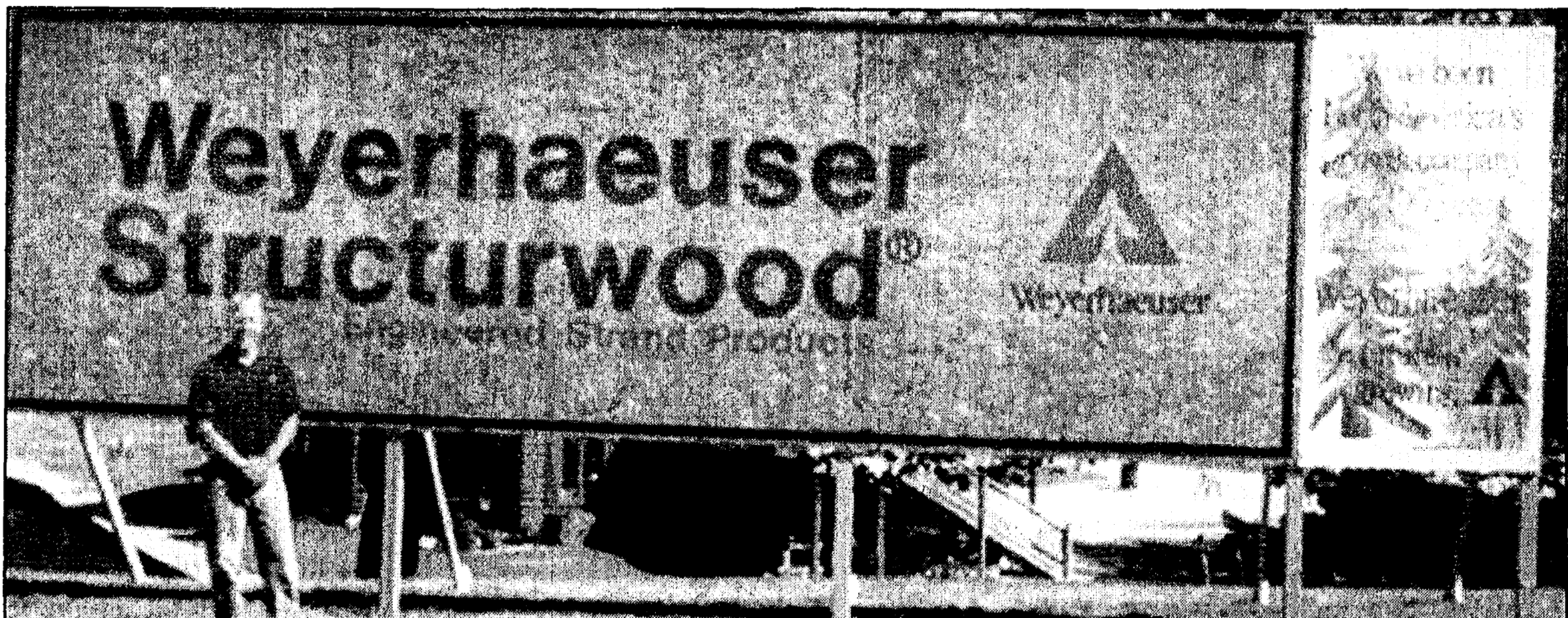
**Chamber of Commerce** ~ for selling merchandise

**Truly Yours** ~ for providing great product and service - even on short notice



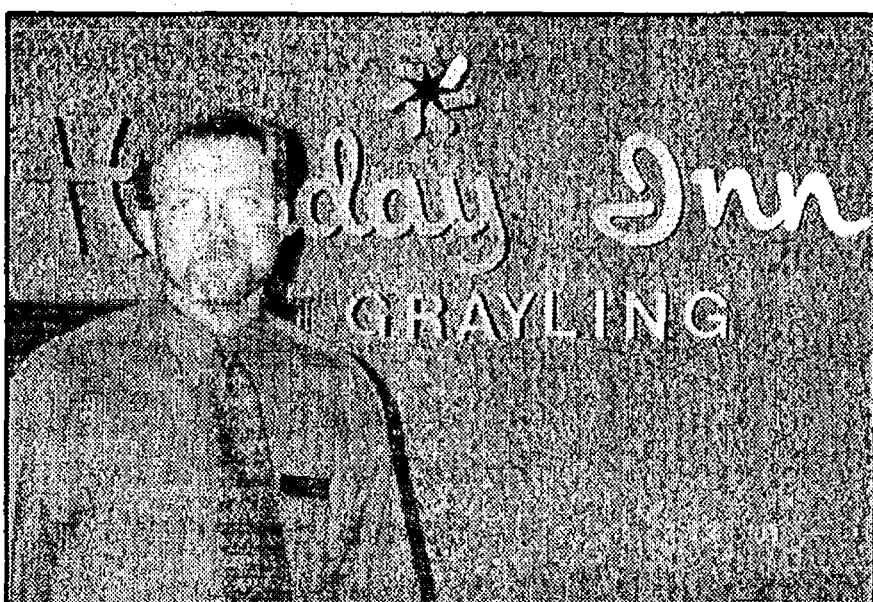
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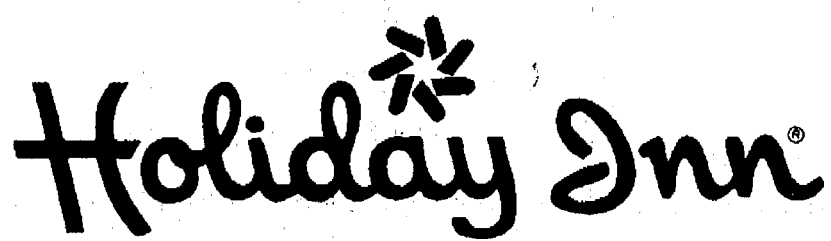


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**Holiday Inn: Dean Smith** – "It provides recognition for the community and it is a fun event and well organized."



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**GAVC: Ilene Geiss-Wilson** – "This is a long term commitment to support the community by way of the Grayling Visitors Council."



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**Milltown Title and Escrow: Laurie Figley** –

"It is good exposure for the community and it brings people into the community."



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## Support the AuSable River Canoe Marathon *Be a race sponsor*

Support the AuSable River Canoe Marathon as a race sponsor. Contact the Marathon Committee at [aricm@i2k.net](mailto:aricm@i2k.net), by calling 989-348-4425, or by stopping by the race office in the Grayling Mini-Mall to see how your business can become an AuSable Canoe Marathon race sponsor.

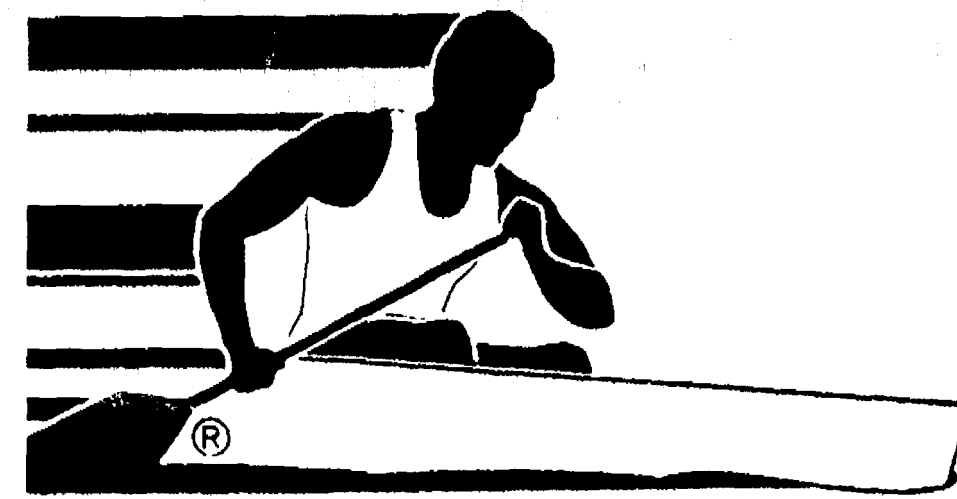


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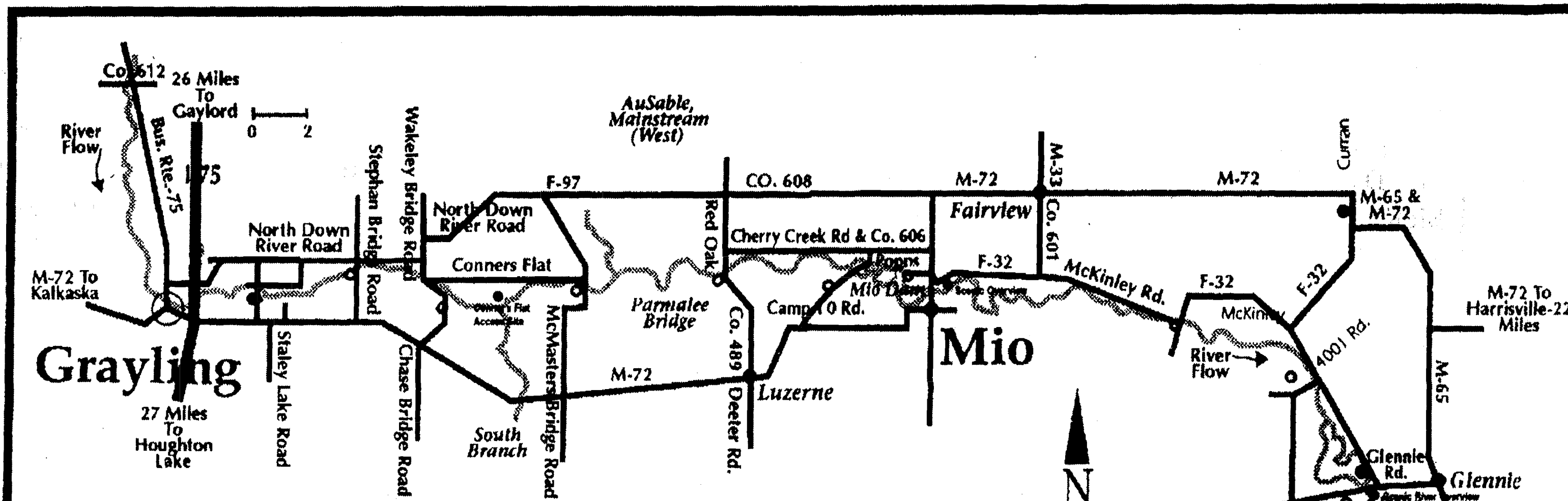
**Bill Torongo, of Roscommon, Michigan, cooling off at the finish line in Oscoda following his 4th place finish in 2001 with Steve Lajole, of Vaudreuil-Sur-Le-Lac, Quebec. For the 2002 Marathon, Torongo and John Sullivan, of Grayling - who are both past second-place finishers - will try to break into the winner's circle in Canoe #1, sponsored by Weyerhaeuser.**



# Course Map



## AuSable River Canoe Marathon



| OFFICIAL TIMING & VIEWING LOCATIONS |                                    |                                                                     |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                     | LEADER'S APPROXIMATE ARRIVAL TIME* | APPROXIMATE TIME THAT THE LAST CANOE WILL PASS EACH TIMING LOCATION |
| Burtons Landing                     | 9:40pm                             | 10:10pm                                                             |
| Stephans Bridge                     | 10:15pm                            | 11:00pm                                                             |
| Wakeley Bridge                      | 10:40pm                            | 11:45pm                                                             |
| McMaster's Bridge                   | 11:45pm                            | 1:00am                                                              |
| Parmalee Bridge                     | 12:40am                            | 2:35am                                                              |
| Camp 10 Bridge                      | 1:45am                             | 3:30am                                                              |
| Mio Dam                             | 2:05am                             | 4:00am                                                              |
| McKinley Bridge                     | 3:50am                             | 6:25am                                                              |
| 4001 Bridge                         | 4:40am                             | 7:30am                                                              |
| Alcona Dam                          | 5:20am                             | 8:15am                                                              |
| Loud Dam                            | 7:05am                             | 10:40am                                                             |
| Five Channels                       | 7:30am                             | 11:15am                                                             |
| Cooke Dam                           | 8:30am                             | 12:30pm                                                             |
| Foot Dam                            | 9:40am                             | 2:15pm                                                              |
| Oscoda (finish)                     | 11:00am                            | 4:00pm                                                              |

\*based on record split times

### Point-to-Point Records

|                   |         |      |                            |
|-------------------|---------|------|----------------------------|
| Burton's Landing  | 41:28   | 1993 | J. Kolka & B. Torongo      |
| Stephan Bridge    | 31:28   | 1993 | J. Kolka & B. Torongo      |
| Wakeley Bridge    | 28:21   | 1993 | T. Short & S. McKenzie     |
| Parmalee Bridge   | 1:01:43 | 1996 | J. Kolka & S. Corbin       |
| Camp Ten Bridge   | 1:02:55 | 1996 | J. Kolka & S. Corbin       |
| Mio Dam           | 22:05   | 1975 | J. Kellogg & J. Kellogg    |
| McKinley Bridge   | 1:43:42 | 1996 | J. Kolka & S. Corbin       |
| 4001 Bridge       | 49:11   | 1984 | Bu. Stockton & S. Carriere |
| Alcona Dam        | 35:37   | 1984 | Bu. Stockton & S. Carriere |
| Loud Dam          | 1:43:10 | 1987 | S. Corbin & Br. Stockton   |
| Five Channels Dam | 23:37   | 1994 | S. Corbin & S. Carriere    |
|                   | 23:37   | 1995 | P. Lynch & J. Harwood      |
| Cooke Dam         | 57:17   | 1986 | R. Drake & B. McNeill      |
| Foot Dam          | 1:08:11 | 1987 | S. Corbin & Br. Stockton   |
| Oscoda (finish)   | 1:15:32 | 1991 | S. Corbin & Br. Stockton   |
| McMasters Bridge  | 55:4    | 1999 | J. Kolka & S. Corbin       |

### Split Time Records

|                   |          |      |                         |
|-------------------|----------|------|-------------------------|
| Burton's Landing  | 41:28    | 1993 | J. Kolka & B. Torongo   |
| Stephan Bridge    | 1:12:56  | 1993 | J. Kolka & B. Torongo   |
| Wakeley Bridge    | 1:41:29  | 1993 | J. Kolka & B. Torongo   |
| McMasters Bridge  | 2:38:17  | 1996 | J. Kolka & S. Corbin    |
| Parmalee Bridge   | 3:40:00  | 1996 | J. Kolka & S. Corbin    |
| Camp Ten Bridge   | 4:42:55  | 1996 | J. Kolka & S. Corbin    |
| Mio Dam           | 5:06:31  | 1996 | J. Kolka & S. Corbin    |
| McKinley Bridge   | 6:50:13  | 1996 | J. Kolka & S. Corbin    |
| 4001 Bridge       | 7:40:49  | 1996 | J. Kolka & S. Corbin    |
| Alcona Dam        | 8:17:21  | 1996 | J. Kolka & S. Corbin    |
| Loud Dam          | 10:06:47 | 1996 | J. Kolka & S. Corbin    |
| Five Channels Dam | 10:30:37 | 1996 | J. Kolka & S. Corbin    |
| Cooke Dam         | 11:31:07 | 1996 | J. Kolka & S. Corbin    |
| Foot Dam          | 12:41:02 | 1994 | S. Corbin & S. Carriere |
| Oscoda (finish)   | 13:58:08 | 1994 | S. Corbin & S. Carriere |

### Important Spectator Information

**Whirlpool Road in Crawford County is under construction and closed to traffic.**

**Crawford County - Stephan, Wakeley and McMasters bridges** - will be closed to all vehicle traffic during the race. Feeder teams must be sure that they are on the side of the river where their feeds are because they will not be able to cross.

**Oscoda County - Parmalee Bridge** - will be closed to spectators. If you are viewing the race from this location there are good sites along the campground on the north side of the public access site on the south.

**Mio Dam** - There is a new walkway from the MDOT parking area, south of M-72, under the bridge to Mio Dam. You will not have to walk across the highway to get to the dam. Spectators need to stay clear of the pathway and the put-in area as the teams portage Mio Dam.

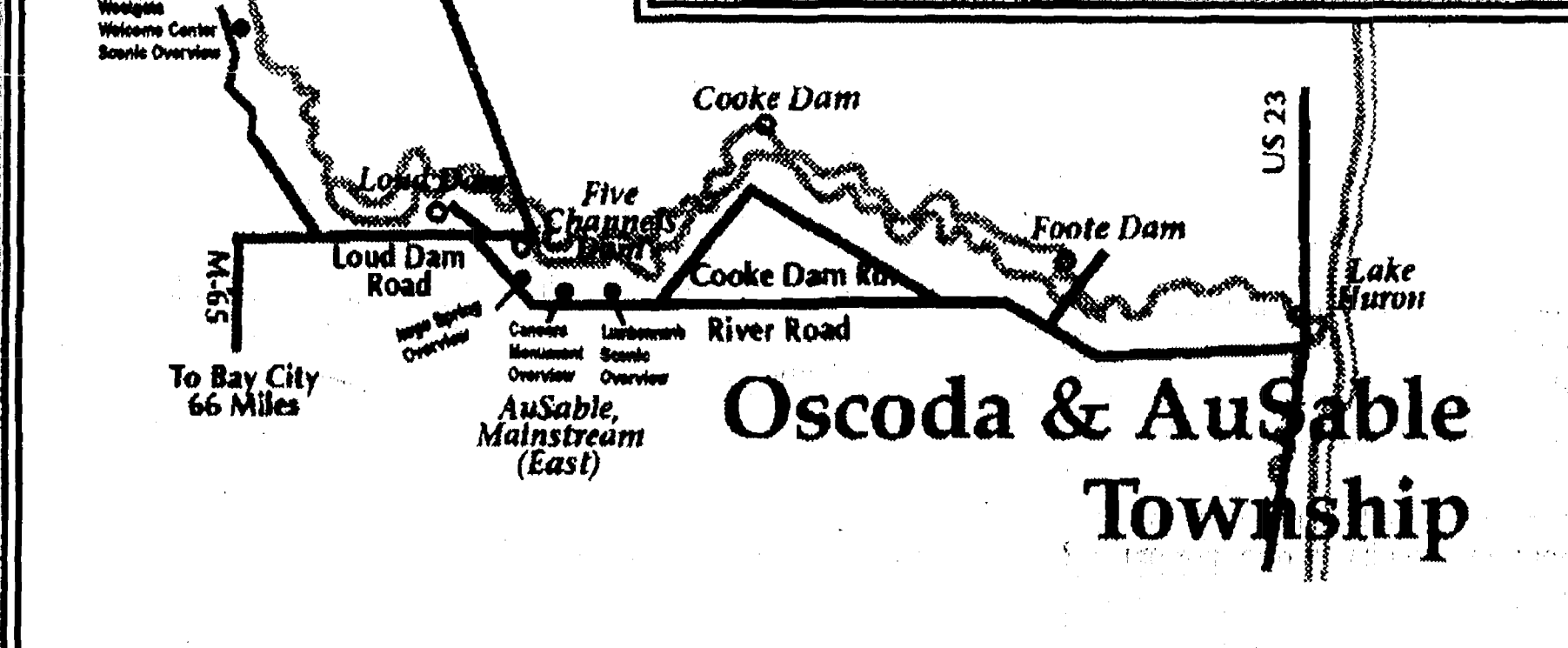
**4001 Bridge** - U.S. Forest Service may be issuing tickets for parking in the lot at the boat launch site without a valid parking pass.

**Alcona Dam** - Only feeders and officials will be allowed into the dam parking lot. Spectators should park in the field on the north side of the river and walk across the bridge to the portage.

**Loud Dam** - There will only be parking for spectators on one side of the road leading to the dam. This will make it safer for people who are walking to view the portage. Only feeders and officials will be allowed into the dam parking lot.

### PARKING ALERT

Vehicles parked at any U.S. Forest Service river access site **MUST HAVE A PARKING PASS**. The access sites along the race course include the 4001 Bridge Landing, Thompson's Landing, Sawmill Point and Whirlpool Boat Landing. Passes are available for \$3 (daily), \$5 (weekly), or \$20 (annual) at the following locations:  
Grayling - Ray's (7:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.) not available race night 7/27/02; Larry & Joan's  
Luzerne - Luzerne Mini mart.  
Mio - Gott's Landing (8 a.m. - 6 p.m.)  
McKinley - McKinley Grocery  
Glennie - Alcona Canoes, Glennie Party Store  
Oscoda - The Dam Store  
Passes are also available at the Mio Ranger Station, the Huron Shores Ranger Station and Lumberman's Monument in Oscoda during normal hours of operation.



## Spectators: Have fun but put safety first

Following this year's race? You have somewhere between 14 and 19 hours to enjoy the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon. There is no need for you to rush, rush, rush.

Nearly all the race fans get caught up in the excitement of the battle for the lead. Will the records be broken? Can the reigning champions be beaten? Who will win the sprint of the lead teams from Foot Dam to Oscoda?

Try not to get caught up with the vast crowds hurrying from spot to spot, walking great distances to reach viewing locations down by the river. Instead, consider moving out in front of the crowd, arriving well ahead most folks and get a parking spot closer to the action. Then relax, settle in and stay to see all or most of the teams pass by before moving on down the river ahead of the crowd once again.

You have plenty of time to "hang out" at several locations along the course to see how the field is doing, from the first team to the last and still be able to catch up to and check on the lead team later in the race.

Every year, some of the most interesting

AuSable Marathon stories unfold further back in the pack. Close battles for position are fought by those teams as well. By staying at a few of the viewing locations for longer periods of time, you'll have the opportunity to see how well the teams that are farther back in the pack are doing.

Mio Dam is generally considered to be the "hump" of the Marathon. Most teams which make the portage over Mio in reasonable shape before the 4:00 a.m. cut off also finish the race in qualifying time. Nearly every year, one or two teams narrowly avoid missing the cut-off, while for the others that don't make it, the Marathon is over.

Endurance, rather than sheer speed, becomes more important for the contestants as Saturday night turns into Sunday morning.

There are often major changes in the standings late in the race as, for some teams, simply finishing the race becomes the primary objective.

The Marathon takes many hours with little or no sleep and nearly 100 road miles. Please take your time, and keep safety in mind while you enjoy the race.



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**Tom & Connie Cannon, of East Lansing, Michigan, were the first place mixed team in the 2001 AuSable Marathon, finishing in 14th place overall with a time of 16:15:13 (16 hours, 15 minutes, 13 seconds)**

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## A 'Completely Equipped Spectator' will have...

Watching the entire AuSable River Canoe Marathon takes 14-19 non-stop hours and covers 120 miles...and that's just one way. The race starts at Ray's Canoe Livery, 9:00 p.m. Saturday, July 27 and ends mid-afternoon Sunday, July 28 in Oscoda. Preparation and planning are the key to truly enjoying the race. These few suggestions and short list of items to bring should help you to accomplish this goal.

Spectators start to locate prime viewing spots on the banks of Ray's Canoe Livery six hours before the start of the race. Pre-race activities will begin at 5:30 p.m., including introduction of the paddlers, entertainment and the singing of the national anthems. Spectators pre-position their vehicles to leave the start as soon as possible for many of the viewing points along the river.

Things you should bring with you to be a "Completely Equipped Spectator," include:

- \* A Marathon program book and Spectator Guide - they have the most important racer and course information
- \* Pencil and eraser to record positions of canoes at the various timing locations

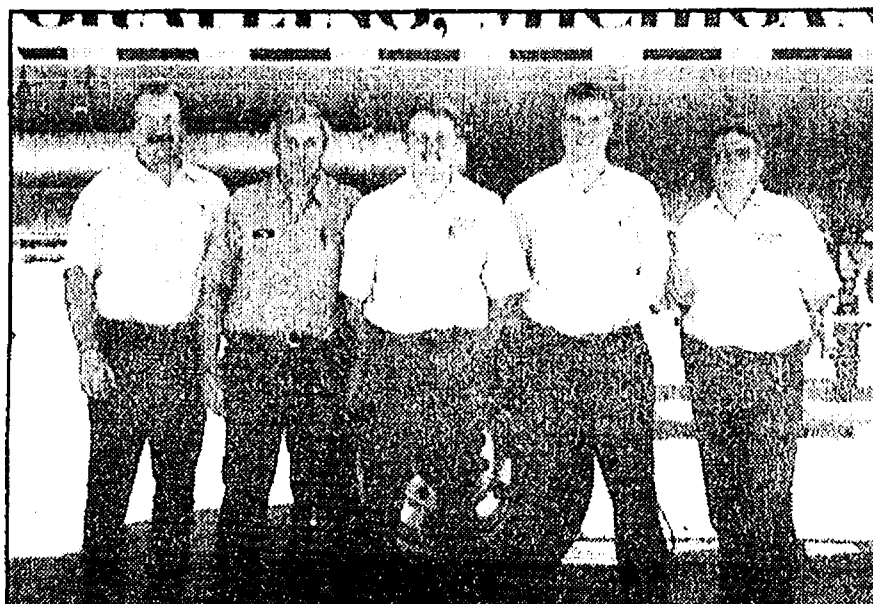
- \* A Michigan road map
- \* Lawn Chair
- \* Binoculars
- \* Insect Repellent
- \* Toilette paper - there aren't a whole lot of restroom facilities along the race course
- \* Camera and film
- \* Alarm clock - don't let the race pass you by while taking a cat nap
- \* Rain gear
- \* Extra clothes - it gets real chilly during the night
- \* Cooler with snacks and drinks
- \* Thermos of hot coffee or cocoa
- \* Flashlight

Remember to drive safely and be aware of the many extra cars and pedestrians that will flood the roads at each of the stopping points. Also, it's a good idea to pick a few spots along the course that you want to stop at and arrive early and leave late to. Doing so will help you to avoid the huge rush of people and vehicles in and out of each spot. Also, in staying at a viewing point longer than most other spectators, you'll be sure to catch the action towards the back of the pack - a place where some of the best "Marathon stories" unfold.



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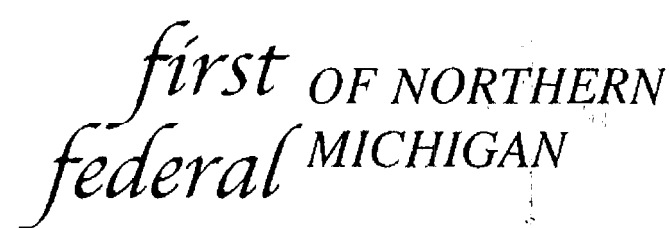
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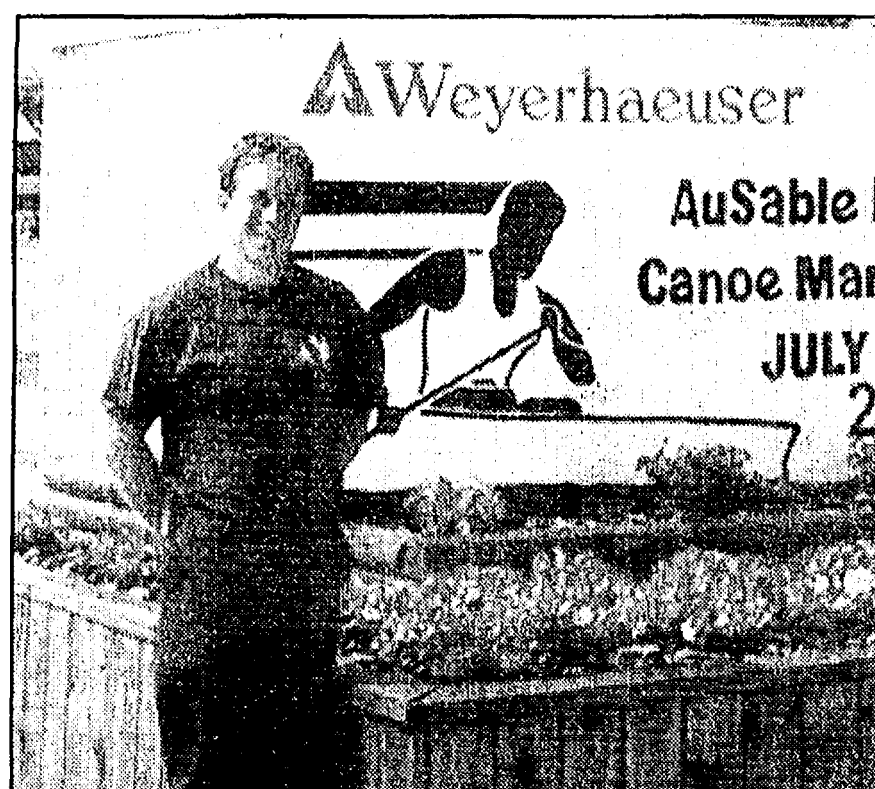
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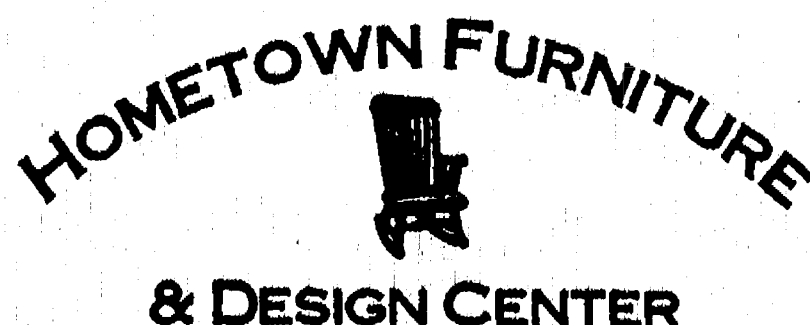
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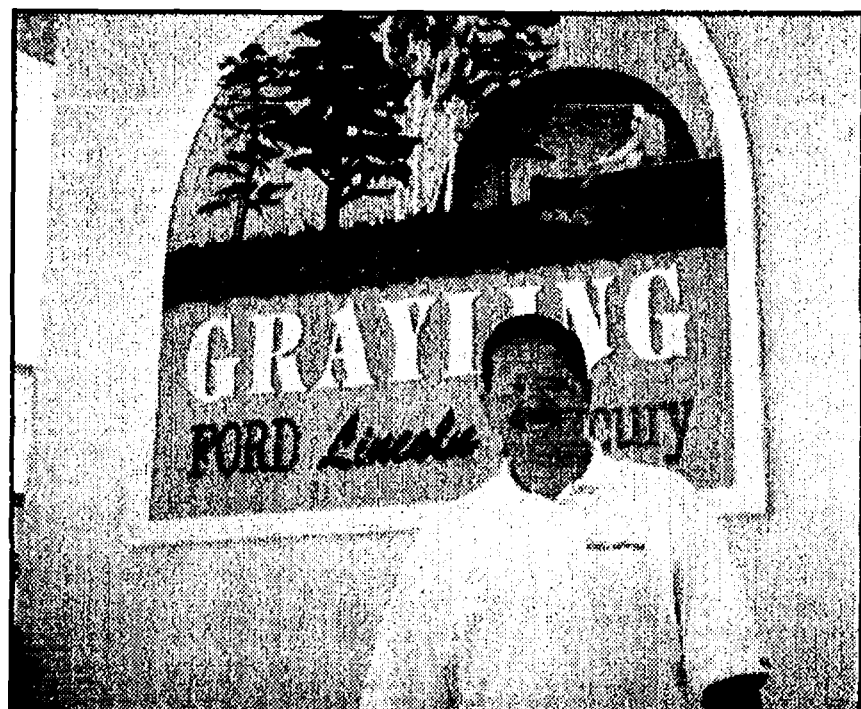
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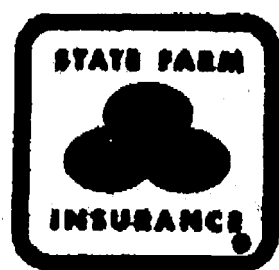
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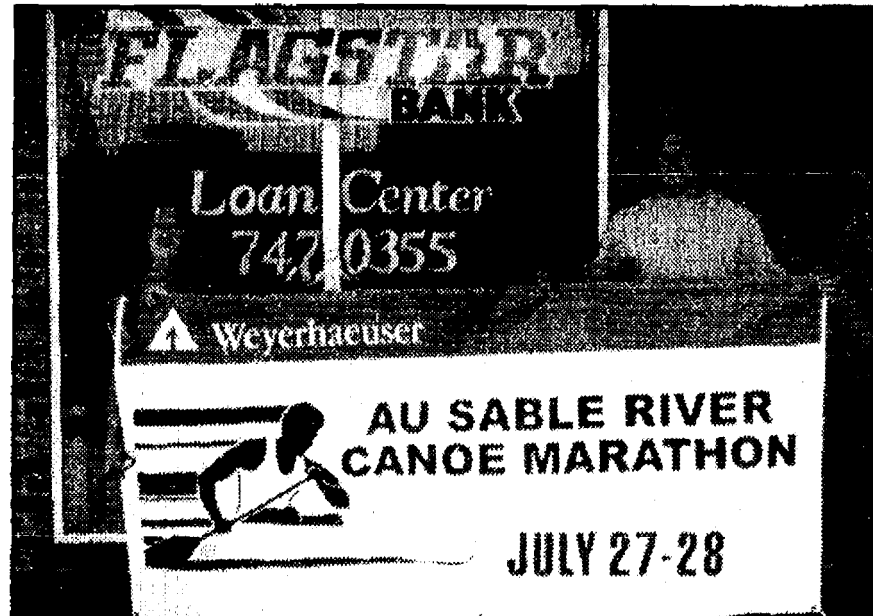


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**The winning team will arrive in**  
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### CANOE #0

Sponsors: The Fly Factory / TroutBums.com

Paddler #1 Robert Bradford Age 59  
Hometown Lapeer State Michigan  
Occupation Retired  
# Marathons - 13 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish 14:56  
Attraction to the Marathon: It was a chance for me to  
race with my son, Mike.  
Racing Achievements: 2001, finished 1st in the longest  
canoe race in the world, 2,348 miles Mississippi river 24  
days. Yukon Race 462 mi. 2002

Paddler #2 David Phelps Age 15  
Hometown Burton State Michigan  
Occupation Student  
# Marathons - 0 Last Marathon - N/A  
Best Marathon Finish - N/A  
Attraction to the Marathon: Wanted to paddle with my  
grandfather  
Racing Achievements: 2002 is first year racing other  
than 2001 USCA with grandfather

### CANOE #2

Sponsors: Fick and Son's

Paddler #1 Jim Harwood Age 37  
Hometown Grayling State Michigan  
Occupation Grayling Twp. Fire Dept.; CASD  
# Marathons - 16 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 1st in 1995  
Attraction to the Marathon: Family tradition. Been rac-  
ing since I was 15.  
Racing Achievements: 1st at AuSable Marathon in '95,  
2nd in '96. Top 5 finisher for past 8-10 years.

Paddler #2 Tim Valko Age 33  
Hometown Pinckney State Michigan  
Occupation Carpenter  
# Marathons - 7 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 3rd  
Attraction to the Marathon: Growing up in Roscommon  
and the high caliber of competition  
Racing Achievements: Top 10 in Triple Crown races,  
5th in Boston

### CANOE #1

Sponsors: Weyerhaeuser Co.

Paddler #1 Bill Torongo Age 40  
Hometown Roscommon State Michigan  
Occupation Process Technician Weyerhaeuser  
# Marathons - 19 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 2nd  
Attraction to the Marathon: Good competition and its  
unique nature  
Racing Achievements: 1st at 1997 USCA Nationals

Paddler #2 John Sullivan Age 32  
Hometown Grayling State Michigan  
Occupation Self Employed  
# Marathons - 7 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 2nd  
Attraction to the Marathon: Watched the Marathon  
growing up in the area.  
Racing Achievements: 2nd Place 2000/2001 Marathon,  
3rd General Clinton

### CANOE #3

Sponsors: Big Gator Paint Company

Paddler #1 Matthew Rimer Age 18  
Hometown Horton State Michigan  
Occupation Student  
# Marathons - 3 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 9th  
Attraction to the Marathon: Everyone that races talks  
about it.  
Racing Achievements: Numerous USCA National 1st  
place finishes and 17th in the General Clinton 2000.

Paddler #2 Mo Harwood Age 23  
Hometown Grayling State Michigan  
Occupation Carpenter  
# Marathons - 6 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 6th  
Attraction to the Marathon: Family  
Racing Achievements: 9 USCA National  
Championships; 3 AuSable Marathons; 2 Amateur  
State Championships



## CANOE #5

Paddler #1 Bruce Barton Age 45  
Hometown Homer State Michigan  
Occupation Farmer  
# Marathons - 7 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 2nd  
Attraction to the Marathon: Watched it when I was young.  
Racing Achievements: 1st in General Clinton in 2000 and 1st in the C-1 2001 Klondike race.

Sponsors: RIVERSnWOODS Real Estate of Grayling

Paddler #2 Steve Lajoie Age: 26  
Hometown Vaudreuil-Sur-Le-Lac Quebec  
Occupation Air Canada  
# Marathons - 4 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 4th  
Attraction to the Marathon: Race with my dad  
Racing Achievements: General Clinton 2nd, and La Classique 11 times (Best was 2nd)

## CANOE #8

Paddler #1 Nicholas D'Amour Age 18  
Hometown Grayling State Michigan  
Occupation Student  
# Marathons - 2 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 26th  
Attraction to the Marathon: Being a native of Grayling and around the Marathon  
Racing Achievements: Most improved Am. Paddler, State Am. Champ and several 1st and 2nd place finishes in MCRA races.

Sponsors: Hal's Masonry of Grayling; Meyers Land Survey Co. Inc.

Paddler #2 Matthew Ashton Age 23  
Hometown Grayling State Michigan  
Occupation Survey Tech  
# Marathons - 3 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 1st Amateur  
Attraction to the Marathon: Watched it go past my house; followed it since I was born; my family racing.  
Racing Achievements: 93, 94 MI State Am. Champ, 93, 94 Nat'l Junior Champ, 1st Am. Record and point to point.

## CANOE #9

Paddler #1 Al Widing Sr. Age 77  
Hometown Mio State Michigan  
Occupation Retired  
# Marathons - 31 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 2nd five times  
Attraction to the Marathon: Article in Flint Journal in 1953  
Racing Achievements: 1st place in Texas Water Safari 1964 & 1965; 2nd place AuSable Marathon 5 times; 1st place in Rifle River Race 5 times

Sponsors: Ray's Canoeing; The Lumber Yard of Indian River

Paddler #2 Bernie Tuszyński Age 45  
Hometown Gaylord State Michigan  
Occupation Contract Logger  
# Marathons - 5 Last Marathon - 2000  
Best Marathon Finish - 13th  
Attraction to the Marathon: N/A  
Racing Achievements: N/A

## CANOE #10

Paddler #1 Ian Cote Age 30  
Hometown Shawinigan State Quebec  
Occupation Airplane Mechanic  
# Marathons - 0 Last Marathon - N/A  
Best Marathon Finish - N/A  
Attraction to the Marathon: N/A  
Racing Achievements: La Classique finished 6th

Sponsors: Borchers Bed and Breakfast; Wheaton Construction Pole Barns

Paddler #2 Stephane Aubry Age 30  
Hometown Grand-Mere State Quebec  
Occupation Businessman  
# Marathons - 2 Last Marathon - 2000  
Best Marathon Finish - 21st  
Attraction to the Marathon: N/A  
Racing Achievements: La Classique (Best Finish 9th) and raced it 10 times

## CANOE #11

Paddler #1 Rick Joy Age 43  
Hometown Silverwood State Michigan  
Occupation GM Foundry Worker  
# Marathons - 26 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 3rd  
Attraction to the Marathon: Long Distance challenge  
Racing Achievements: 20 Top Ten AuSable Marathon Finishes; 10 sub 15-hour races and 5th fastest time: 14:10:25.

Sponsors: DuBois Lumber; Thumb National Bank

Paddler #2 Ted Kolka Age 36  
Hometown Grayling State Michigan  
Occupation Delivery Driver for DuBois Lumber  
# Marathons - 12 Last Marathon - 2000  
Best Marathon Finish - 3rd  
Attraction to the Marathon: Family Interested in canoe racing.  
Racing Achievements: 3rd place finish in AuSable Marathon

## CANOE #13

Paddler #1 Joe Shaw Age 47  
Hometown Worthington State Massachusetts  
Occupation Financial Consultant  
# Marathons - 5 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 16th  
Attraction to the Marathon: Challenge  
Racing Achievements: C-1 70 Pro and C-2 70 Pro

Sponsors: Days Inn of Grayling; CytoSport

Paddler #2 Jeff Rankinen Age 38  
Hometown Jersey Shore State Pennsylvania  
Occupation Assoc. Professor Penn College of Tech.  
# Marathons - 0 Last Marathon - N/A  
Best Marathon Finish - N/A  
Attraction to the Marathon: Challenge  
Racing Achievements: C-1 70 Pro and C-2 70 Pro

## CANOE #16

Paddler #1 Jeff Kolka Age 43  
Hometown Grayling State Michigan  
Occupation Custodian Crawford AuSable Schools  
# Marathons - 19 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 1st  
Attraction to the Marathon: My father. The Marathon's a great challenge. The greatest fans are canoe racing fans.  
Racing Achievements: 1st place AuSable Marathon - 1996-97-98-99-2000. Two-time Triple Crown Champ. Paddled 2nd fastest AuSable Marathon in 1996. 7 Marathons under 15 hours.

Sponsors: McLean's Ace Hardware; The AuSable Inn

Paddler #2 Serge Corbin Age 45  
Hometown St. Boniface State Quebec  
Occupation Canoe Builder  
# Marathons - 16 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 1st  
Attraction to the Marathon: Beauty of the AuSable This is a good challenge and there is a good purse for the race.  
Racing Achievements: All time record holder with Solomon Carriere: 94. 13:58:08. 12 time marathon winner. 22 times winner at General Clinton. 21 Time at La Classique. 7 time Triple Crown Champion.

## CANOE #17

Paddler #1 Kyle Mynar Age 17  
Hometown Kooperl State Texas  
Occupation Student  
# Marathons - 0 Last Marathon - N/A  
Best Marathon Finish - N/A  
Attraction to the Marathon: N/A  
Racing Achievements: N/A

Sponsors: Camp Grayling Conservation Club; Moore's Automotive of Grayling

Paddler #2 Fred Mynar Age 43  
Hometown San Marcos State Texas  
Occupation Carpenter  
# Marathons - 3 Last Marathon - 2000  
Best Marathon Finish - 11th  
Attraction to the Marathon: N/A  
Racing Achievements: N/A

## CANOE #19

Paddler #1 Tim Feldkamp Age 36  
Hometown Ann Arbor State Michigan  
Occupation Engineer  
# Marathons - 1 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - DNF  
Attraction to the Marathon: I followed the Marathon in 2000 and was inspired by the magnitude and rich history of this event.  
Racing Achievements: 2001 MCRA Amateur point Champion, 2001 MCRA Amateur Co- Rookie

Sponsors: Out Your Backdoor Magazine; Dedicated Cycling

Paddler #2 Doug Heady Age 44  
Hometown Ann Arbor State Michigan  
Occupation Computer Consultant  
# Marathons - 1 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - DNF  
Attraction to the Marathon: Started paddling with paddlers in Ann Arbor  
Racing Achievements: 2001 Amateur Co-Rookie MCRA

## CANOE #20

Paddler #1 Brett Addis Age 19  
Hometown Vicksburg State Michigan  
Occupation Student  
# Marathons - 0 Last Marathon - N/A  
Best Marathon Finish - N/A  
Attraction to the Marathon: Followed the Marathon most of my life.  
Racing Achievements: Joined the MCRA to get ready for the Marathon.

Sponsors:

Paddler #2 Andy Addis Age 21  
Hometown Ann Arbor State: Michigan  
Occupation Student  
# Marathons - 0 Last Marathon - N/A  
Best Marathon Finish - N/A  
Attraction to the Marathon: Family members have raced in the past and we've always followed the race.  
Racing Achievements: N/A

## CANOE #22

Paddler #1 Kai Hansen Age 40  
Hometown Belleville State Wisconsin  
Occupation Environmental Engineer  
# Marathons - 4 Last Marathon - 2000  
Best Marathon Finish - 15th  
Attraction to the Marathon: The challenge  
Racing Achievements: Past USCA Junior Champion

Sponsors: Fay's Motel of Grayling

Paddler #2 Fritz Hansen Age 61  
Hometown Union Grove State Wisconsin  
Occupation Retired  
# Marathons - 4 Last Marathon - 2000  
Best Marathon Finish - 15th  
Attraction to the Marathon: The challenge  
Racing Achievements: Past USCA Masters Champion

## CANOE #26

Paddler #1 Andy Melnychenko Age 39  
Hometown Ithaca State New York  
Occupation Recruiting Coordinator at Cornell Graduate School  
# Marathons - 0 Last Marathon - N/A  
Best Marathon Finish - N/A  
Attraction to the Marathon: Other paddlers who have tried it.  
Racing Achievements: 2002 General Clinton C-1 Pro 5th Place.  
Sponsors: Out Your Backdoor Magazine; Dedicated Cycling

Sponsors: Johnson Oil of Gaylord & Grayling

Paddler #2 Lori Roseboom Age 36  
Hometown Mt. Vision State New York  
Occupation Physical Therapist  
# Marathons - 1 Last Marathon - 2000  
Best Marathon Finish - 18th  
Attraction to the Marathon: Pit crew for brother in 96, then had to race! Great organizers & spectators.  
Racing Achievements: 2002 General Clinton 2nd Mixed Pro; 17th Overall, Run of Charles; 9 time General Clinton Finisher

## CANOE #27

Paddler #1 Dwight Walker Age 48  
Hometown Richland State Michigan  
Occupation Copier Field Service Technician  
# Marathons - 6 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 14th  
Attraction to the Marathon: Challenge of the race.  
Racing Achievements: Indiana C-1 and C-2 champ for 7 years; 2nd place USCA Nationals C-2; finished 7 General Clinton Regattas

Sponsors: Fay's Motel

Paddler #2 Dragan Olajdzija Age 42  
Hometown Toronto State Ontario  
Occupation Electrician  
# Marathons - 2 Last Marathon - 2000  
Best Marathon Finish - 16th  
Attraction to the Marathon: Pain  
Racing Achievements: USCA Nationals

## CANOE #28

Paddler #1 Steven Landick Age 49  
Hometown Marquette State Michigan  
Occupation Teacher  
# Marathons - 8 Last Marathon - 1996  
Best Marathon Finish - N/A  
Attraction to the Marathon: Can't remember!  
Racing Achievements: Record Holder Texas Water Safari and Yukon River Quest

Sponsors: Charlene Scheer/Re/Max of Grayling and Scheer Motors

Paddler #2 Armin Lopez Age 28  
Hometown San Ignacio State Belize  
Occupation Construction  
# Marathons - 0 Last Marathon - N/A  
Best Marathon Finish - N/A  
Attraction to the Marathon: N/A  
Racing Achievements: 1st La Ruta Maya Belize River Challenge 2002, 2001, and 2000.

## CANOE #35

Paddler #1 Pete Mead Age 21  
Hometown Grayling State Michigan  
Occupation Canoe Livery Employee  
# Marathons - 2 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 26th  
Attraction to the Marathon: Watching the race and talking to paddlers.  
Racing Achievements: Amateur State Champions and other 1st and 2nd place finishes in MCRA races

Sponsors: Steve Nelson Builder; Ken Lee's Well Drilling

Paddler #2 Al Widing, Jr. Age 49  
Hometown Fenton State Michigan  
Occupation Builder  
# Marathons - 7 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 9th  
Attraction to the Marathon: N/A  
Racing Achievements: N/A

## CANOE #36

Paddler #1 David Timmerman Age 44  
Hometown Dubuque State Iowa  
Occupation Glass Company Manager  
# Marathons - 4 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 21st  
Attraction to the Marathon: The tradition, difficulty and level of competition.  
Racing Achievements: General Clinton, 7 Time finisher

Sponsors: H & B Auto Electric of Grayling

Paddler #2 Michael Garon Age 44  
Hometown Washington State Michigan  
Occupation Manager Clinical Engineer  
# Marathons - 7 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 21st  
Attraction to the Marathon: The Challenge  
Racing Achievements: 1992-1995 1st Place Macomb County Canoe Race.



## CANOE #38

Paddler #1 Dan Litchfield Age 54  
Hometown Ely State Minnesota  
Occupation Wildlife Technician, Minnesota DNR  
# Marathons 1 Last Marathon - 2000  
Best Marathon Finish - 42nd  
Attraction to the Marathon: The Challenge.  
Racing Achievements: Local races

Sponsors: Ely BlueLine Association; Ely Nordic Association

Paddler #2 Steve Park Age 49  
Hometown Ely State Minnesota  
Occupation Emergency Room Physician  
# Marathons -1 Last Marathon - 2000  
Best Marathon Finish - 42nd  
Attraction to the Marathon: The Challenge  
Racing Achievements: Local Minnesota/ Upper Midwest Races.

## CANOE #39

Paddler #1 Daniel Klinkhamer Age 51  
Hometown Northville State Michigan  
Occupation Engineer  
# Marathons - 3 Last Marathon - 2000  
Best Marathon Finish - 8th  
Attraction to the Marathon: N/A  
Racing Achievements: N/A

Sponsors: Lucky and Laura's Liquor and Lotto; Sylvester's

Paddler #2 Bill DuBois Age 44  
Hometown Jackson State Michigan  
Occupation Truck Mechanic  
# Marathons - 10 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 8th  
Attraction to the Marathon: The prestige of competing with the best racers in North America.  
Racing Achievements: MCRA Races

## CANOE #40

Paddler #1 Ted Smutek Age 34  
Hometown Luzerne State Michigan  
Occupation Owner Big Creek Bump and Paint  
# Marathons - 4 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 12th  
Attraction to the Marathon: My father used to race and he got me started.  
Racing Achievements: Triple Crown Paddler

Sponsors: Holiday Inn of Grayling; Rent-a-Camp of Higgins Lake

Paddler #2 Fred Mills Age 48  
Hometown Roscommon State Michigan  
Occupation Builder  
# Marathons - 6 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 12th  
Attraction to the Marathon: The river itself, it is fun just being out on the river training and racing.  
Racing Achievements: Triple Crown paddler

## CANOE #42

Paddler #1 Phil Trudgeon Age 42  
Hometown Grayling State Michigan  
Occupation MATES Technician  
# Marathons - 4 Last Marathon - 1996  
Best Marathon Finish - 17th  
Attraction to the Marathon: The history of the race and growing up with Kolkas and Kellogs.

Racing Achievements: Paddled the Triple Crown in 95. Finished 9th team overall.

Sponsors: Craig Hinkle of Re/Max of Grayling; Herb Olson Farm Bureau

Paddler #2 Jon Thompson Age 45  
Hometown Lewiston State Michigan  
Occupation College writing instructor  
# Marathons - 1 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 44th  
Attraction to the Marathon: The wonderful volunteers who put on a world class event and don't even want recognition!  
Racing Achievements: Last year, staying dry in the race was an achievement.

## CANOE #43

Paddler #1 Mike Hartman Age 26  
Hometown Roscommon State Michigan  
Occupation Screen Printer  
# Marathons - 4 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 23rd  
Attraction to the Marathon: The challenge and unique nature of the sport.  
Racing Achievements: Three AuSable Marathon finishes. 3 LaClassique finishes.

Sponsors: Grayling Outdoor Products; Skyline Ski and Country Club

Paddler #2 Colin Hunter Age 21  
Hometown Grayling State Michigan  
Occupation Crawford County Road Commision  
# Marathons - 6 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 16th  
Attraction to the Marathon: Lived on the river and watching the racers go by.  
Racing Achievements: Finished General Clinton 3 times, LaClassique once, Amateur State Champion

## CANOE #45

Paddler #1 Serge Rouleau Age 57  
Hometown Grandes-Piles State Quebec  
Occupation Homesteader  
# Marathons - 3 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 14th  
Attraction to the Marathon: The challenge and the beautiful river and the nice organization.  
Racing Achievements: General Clinton, LaClassique and many more races.

Sponsors: Two Lakes Building Corporation of Roscommon

Paddler #2 Francios Dagenais Age 35  
Hometown Shawinigan State Quebec  
Occupation Driving Instructor  
# Marathons - 2 Last Marathon - 1999  
Best Marathon Finish - 12th  
Attraction to the Marathon: Personal Challenge  
Racing Achievements: General Clinton, LaClassique and many more races.

## CANOE #46

Paddler #1 Frank Smutek Age 68  
Hometown Luzerne State Michigan  
Occupation Retired  
# Marathons - 10 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 8th  
Attraction to the Marathon: I grew up in Oscoda - was there for the first race - admired the racers.  
Racing Achievements: Won a Cadillac MI race 1953, Was 2nd in MCRA point standings in 58.

Sponsors: American Collision and Glass of Mio; M-33 Access.com

Paddler #2 Ashley Marsh Age 25  
Hometown Mio State Michigan  
Occupation Physical Health Education Teacher  
# Marathons - 1 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 1st Amateur  
Attraction to the Marathon: Feeding Frank and Ted Smutek for 3 years. I also love the competitive nature of the marathon.  
Racing Achievements: 2001 Harry Curley Amateur Champions

## CANOE #50

Paddler #1 Dave Jensen Age 38  
Hometown San Jose State California  
Occupation Engineer at Phillips Plastic  
# Marathons - 5 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 6th  
Attraction to the Marathon: The long distance  
Racing Achievements: 1st mixed team at the 1999 General Clinton

Sponsors: Boards & Beyond

Paddler #2 Erich Podjaske Age 20  
Hometown Grayling State Michigan  
Occupation College Student  
# Marathons - 4 Last Marathon - 2000  
Best Marathon Finish - 10th  
Attraction to the Marathon: The girls!  
Racing Achievements: USCA Nationals

## CANOE #54

Paddler #1 Lynne Witte Age 48  
Hometown Mt. Clemens State Michigan  
Occupation Elementary teacher  
# Marathons - 22 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 4th  
Attraction to the Marathon: Challenge  
Racing Achievements: USCA Nationals; Mixed Team AuSable Marathon record of 15:04; Triple Crown in past years.

## CANOE #55

Paddler #1 Luc Parenteau Age 30  
Hometown Asbestos State Quebec  
Occupation Millwright  
# Marathons - 0 Last Marathon - N/A  
Best Marathon Finish - N/A  
Attraction to the Marathon: The great travel distance.  
Racing Achievements: LaClassique

Sponsors: McDonald's of Grayling; Penrod's Canoe Livery

Paddler #2 Kathy Manizza Age 44  
Hometown Mansfield State Connecticut  
Occupation Track Coach  
# Marathons - 5 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 21st  
Attraction to the Marathon: Lynne Witte  
Racing Achievements: Triple Crown and USCA Nationals

Sponsors: Diane's Car Wash of Grayling; Star Publications of Northern Michigan

Paddler #2 Andre Parenteau Age 59  
Hometown Asbestos State Quebec  
Occupation Mechanical Engineer  
# Marathons - 0 Last Marathon - N/A  
Best Marathon Finish - N/A  
Attraction to the Marathon: The great challenge  
Racing Achievements: LaClassique

## CANOE #57

Paddler #1 Doug Howard Age 42  
Hometown Townsend State Vermont  
Occupation Builder  
# Marathons - 1 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 15th  
Attraction to the Marathon: People talking about it.  
Racing Achievements: Competed in the General Clinton 6 times, LaClassique 3 times.

Sponsors: Maximum Performance Chiropractic; Jansen Insurance Agency

Paddler #2 Jon Webb Age 42  
Hometown Hubbard Lake State Michigan  
Occupation Special Education Teacher  
# Marathons - 8 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 16th  
Attraction to the Marathon: The chance to get into the longest, coolest race on the planet Earth!  
Racing Achievements: General Clinton 6 times, LaClassique 3 times.

## CANOE #58

Paddler #1 Glenn Walquist Age 41  
Hometown Albion State Michigan  
Occupation Veterinarian  
# Marathons - 0 Last Marathon - N/A  
Best Marathon Finish - N/A  
Attraction to the Marathon: Initially, bankrunning for one of the finest paddlers of all-time, Bruce Barton. Now, the challenge of doing it myself.  
Racing Achievements: General Clinton 2002 with Laura, Spikes Challenge Race 2001.

Sponsors: Irwin Arenre Animal Hospital; David Nelson Construction of Tampa

Paddler #2 Laura Waldo Age 39  
Hometown Albion State Michigan  
Occupation Veterinarian  
# Marathons - 0 Last Marathon - N/A  
Best Marathon Finish - N/A  
Attraction to the Marathon: Endurance Race

Racing Achievements: General Clinton in 2002; MCRA racing circuit

## CANOE #60

Paddler #1 Tom Trudgeon Age 43  
Hometown Grayling State Michigan  
Occupation Real Estate Appraiser  
# Marathons - 5 Last Marathon - 2000  
Best Marathon Finish - 16th  
Attraction to the Marathon: Watching my younger sister (Carrie) compete in the Marathon.  
Racing Achievements: N/A

Sponsors: Oscoda Press; Gilbert's Drug Store of Oscoda

Paddler #2 Mark Bialek Age 31  
Hometown Oscoda State Michigan  
Occupation Freelance Photographer  
# Marathons - 2 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 13th  
Attraction to the Marathon: The river  
Racing Achievements: 1999 MCRA Pro rookie of the year

## CANOE #63

Paddler #1 Patrick M Dour Age 19  
Hometown Beverly Hills State Michigan  
Occupation Student/ Bicycle Sales  
# Marathons - 0 Last Marathon - N/A  
Best Marathon Finish - N/A  
Attraction to the Marathon: Watching the AuSable Marathon start.  
Racing Achievements: New to canoe racing

Sponsors: Memory Makers Log Homes; Michigan CAT

Paddler #2 Patrick J Dour Age 49  
Hometown Beverly Hills State Michigan  
Occupation Automobile Coatings Sales  
# Marathons - 0 Last Marathon - N/A  
Best Marathon Finish - N/A  
Attraction to the Marathon: Watching the AuSable Marathon start for several races.  
Racing Achievements: New to racing

## CANOE #64

Paddler #1 Joe Seifert Age 50  
Hometown Grayling State Michigan  
Occupation Electrician  
# Marathons - 7 Last Marathon - 2000  
Best Marathon Finish - 10th  
Attraction to the Marathon: Living on the AuSable  
Racing Achievements: 7th Place Triple Crown

Sponsors: Milltown Electric; Northern Tails

Paddler #2 Blaise St. Pierre Age 62  
Hometown Lac. St. Charles State Quebec  
Occupation Retired  
Marathons - 11 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 6th  
Attraction to the Marathon: Challenge to participate at the greatest race in the world.  
Racing Achievements: LaClassique 37 times, General Clinton 27 times.

## CANOE #66

Paddler #1 Steve Watson Age 30  
Hometown Onaway State Michigan  
Occupation High School History Teacher  
# Marathons - 2 Last Marathon - 2000  
Best Marathon Finish - 7th  
Attraction to the Marathon: Historical race and a great challenge.  
Racing Achievements: 10th General Clinton 2002, 2nd place Harry Curley 2000.

Sponsors: Onaway Motor Speedway; Lake Trail Resort

Paddler #2 Al Shaver Age 35  
Hometown Meridale State New York  
Occupation Lineman for NYSEG  
# Marathons - 4 Last Marathon - 2000  
Best Marathon Finish - 7th  
Attraction to the Marathon: The competition.  
Racing Achievements: [3] 7th place finishes at General Clinton and a Triple Crown Competitor 1996.



## CANOE #71

Paddler #1 Richard Steppe Age 44  
Hometown Irving State Texas  
Occupation Mechanic  
# Marathons - 1 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 30th  
Attraction to the Marathon: The competition  
Racing Achievements: 9 Time finisher of Texas Water Safari 1994-2001 best finish 2nd. Triple Crown 2001

Sponsors: Avita Water; Camp Grayling Conservation Club

Paddler #2 Jerry Brown Age 41  
Hometown Carrollton State Texas  
Occupation Systems Administrator  
# Marathons - 1 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 30th  
Attraction to the Marathon: The history and the competition  
Racing Achievements: 2 time class winner in Texas Water Safari 1999, 2000; 3rd place Texas Canoe Racing Assn. Points 2000. Triple Crown 2001.

## CANOE #92

Paddler #1 Danny Hill Age 42  
Hometown Ishpeming State Michigan  
Occupation Corrections Officer  
# Marathons - 0 Last Marathon - N/A  
Best Marathon Finish - N/A  
Attraction to the Marathon: The distance and the reputation of the race.  
Racing Achievements: 2nd O/A in 50 Mile canoe leg of MN Border to Border, 4th O/A in Portage Challenge

Sponsors: Down Wind Sports of Marquette

Paddler #2 Bob Carpenter Age 50  
Hometown Ishpeming State Michigan  
Occupation Forester  
# Marathons - 0 Last Marathon - N/A  
Best Marathon Finish - N/A  
Attraction to the Marathon: Sounds like a "cool" race  
Racing Achievements: 2nd O/A in 50 Mile canoe leg of MN Border to Border, 4th O/A in Portage Challenge

## CANOE #77

Paddler #1 Yves Greffard Age 44  
Hometown La Tuque State Quebec  
Occupation Paper Maker  
# Marathons - 1 Last Marathon - 1998  
Best Marathon Finish - 26th  
Attraction to the Marathon: Challenge of canoeing at night.  
Racing Achievements: General Clinton and La Classique

Sponsors: UAB University of Alabama; Gestion Rmabec Inc.

Paddler #2 Sylvain Greffard Age 36  
Hometown La Tuque State Quebec  
Occupation Supervisor and Clerk  
# Marathons 3 Last Marathon - 1998  
Best Marathon Finish - 26th  
Attraction to the Marathon: Challenge  
Racing Achievements: General Clinton, La Classique, and Run of the Charles.

## CANOE #97

Paddler #1 Barb Bradley Age 45  
Hometown Wausau State Wisconsin  
Occupation Chiropractor and Physical Therapist  
# Marathons - 0 Last Marathon - N/A  
Best Marathon Finish - N/A  
Attraction to the Marathon: N/A

Sponsors: Fay's Motel of Grayling

Paddler #2 Allen Limberg Age 44  
Hometown Wausau State Wisconsin  
Occupation Surgical Technician and carpenter  
# Marathons - 3 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish 11th  
Attraction to the Marathon: The marathon is a class event and we keep coming back.  
Racing Achievements: Top finishes in ski races, triathlons and canoe races.

## CANOE #79

Paddler #1 Brian Royce Age 30  
Hometown Roscommon State Michigan  
Occupation 5th grade teacher  
Marathons - 1 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 17:57  
Attraction to the Marathon: The Challenge  
Racing Achievements: Running Races.

Sponsors: Northern Family Dentistry of Roscommon

Paddler #2 Craig Jacobs Age 37  
Hometown Roscommon State Michigan  
Occupation Bicycle Mechanic  
# Marathons - 1 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 17:57  
Attraction to the Marathon: The challenge to finish  
Racing Achievements: Running Races.

## CANOE #99

Paddler #1 Rejean Huard Age 60  
Hometown Shawinigan State Quebec  
Occupation Executive Director of LaClassique  
# Marathons - 3 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - DNF  
Attraction to the Marathon: The challenge of racing at night.  
Racing Achievements - LaClassique, General Clinton

Sponsors: The Bloomin' Grape; Bloomquist and Associates

Paddler #2 Gareth Stevens Age 50  
Hometown Hubertus State Wisconsin  
Occupation Writer and Publisher of Childrens Books  
# Marathons 1 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - DNF  
Attraction to the Marathon: The insane challenge, the romance, the fashionable clothing...  
Racing Achievements: La Classique, General Clinton, Run of the Charles, Mississippi Classic

## CANOE #80

Paddler #1 Amy Solak Age 37  
Hometown Traverse City State Michigan  
Occupation Secretary for MI Dept. of Corrections  
Marathons - 2 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 38th  
Attraction to the Marathon: Grew up watching it. Father & brother raced. Wanted to race with father  
Racing Achievements: 1st father/daughter team to complete AuSable Marathon. Triple Crown 2001 with Father.

Sponsors: The Trophy Trolley of Traverse City

Paddler #2 Dwayne Barnes Age 40  
Hometown Copemish State Michigan  
Occupation Truck Driver  
Marathons - 4 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 19th  
Attraction to the Marathon: I watched it one year and then I was hooked.  
Racing Achievements: Some top 10 finishes and MCRA expert rookie of the year 1998.

## CANOE #120

Paddler #1 Robert Reed Age 26  
Hometown Grayling State Michigan  
Occupation Carpenter  
# Marathons - 0 Last Marathon - N/A  
Best Marathon Finish - N/A  
Attraction to the Marathon: The challenge

Sponsors: Two Track Inn; Hellebuyck Masonry

Paddler #2 Lee Barnet Age 21  
Hometown Grayling State Michigan  
Occupation National Guard  
# Marathons - 1 Last Marathon - 2000  
Best Marathon Finish - DNF  
Attraction to the Marathon: The chance to impress the women.  
Racing Achievements: N/A

## CANOE #82

Paddler #1 Louis Berthiaume Age 43  
Hometown Berthierville State Quebec  
Occupation Janitor, Shawinigan-College  
# Marathons - 4 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 2nd  
Attraction to the Marathon: John Sullivan. The distance, the night race, and having John as partner  
Racing Achievements: 2nd Place 2000 AuSable Marathon and 4th Place La Classique.

Sponsors: Grondin's Hair Centers of Lapeer

Paddler #2 Clark Kent Age 42  
Hometown Lapeer State Michigan  
Occupation C.P.A.  
# Marathons - 10 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 8th  
Attraction to the Marathon: Challenge of paddling from Grayling to Oscoda, night paddling.  
Racing Achievements: General Clinton 7 times, finished 6th in 2000, Won amateur division of AuSable Marathon 1991.

## CANOE #130

Paddler #1 Bob Stockton Age 18  
Hometown Roscommon State Michigan  
Occupation Student  
# Marathons - 2 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 2nd Amateur  
Attraction to the Marathon: Challenge  
Racing Achievements: Amateur State Champion 2001

Sponsors: Lincoln Brick; Stockton Canoe Company

Paddler #2 Alfred Borchers Age 18  
Hometown Grayling State Michigan  
Occupation Student  
# Marathons - 2 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 2nd Amateur  
Attraction to the Marathon: Challenge of the race  
Racing Achievements: Amateur State Champion 2001; 1999 MCRA Rookie of the Year.

## CANOE #83

Paddler #1 Ray Bauer Age 45  
Hometown Cincinnati State Ohio  
Occupation Splicer  
# Marathons - 2 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 35th  
Attraction to the Marathon: AuSable River night paddling  
Racing Achievements: Top ten at the La Classique and General Clinton

Sponsors: Star Security Systems of Grayling

Paddler #2 Tom Ackemyer Age 37  
Hometown Cincinnati State Ohio  
Occupation Carpenter  
# Marathons - 1 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 35th  
Attraction to the Marathon: Coerced by my friends.  
Racing Achievements: Two 1st place finishes in White River; 1st place in Dayton.

## CANOE #131

Paddler #1 Donald Starks Age 16  
Hometown Grayling State Michigan  
Occupation Student  
# Marathons - 0 Last Marathon - N/A  
Best Marathon Finish - N/A  
Attraction to the Marathon: Never paddled it before.  
Racing Achievements: N/A

Sponsors: Tri Cities Anesthesia

Paddler #2 Brian Borchers Age 15  
Hometown Grayling State Michigan  
Occupation Student  
# Marathons - 0 Last Marathon - N/A  
Best Marathon Finish - N/A  
Attraction to the Marathon: The challenge  
Racing Achievements: N/A

## CANOE #84

Paddler #1 Wade Binion Age 23  
Hometown College Station State Texas  
Occupation Student at Texas A&M  
# Marathons - 1 Last Marathon - 1999  
Best Marathon Finish - 45th  
Attraction to the Marathon: N/A  
Racing Achievements: 8 time finisher of the Texas Water Safari

Sponsors: Rudolph Construction of Oscoda; Camp Grayling Conservation Club

Paddler #2 Rob Wytaske Age 39  
Hometown College Station State Texas  
Occupation Owner Operator Lawn Service  
# Marathons - 0 Last Marathon - N/A  
Best Marathon Finish - N/A  
Attraction to the Marathon: N/A  
Racing Achievements: 4 Time competitor in the Texas Water Safari and many State races.

## CANOE #136

Paddler #1 Ed Arnold Age 30  
Hometown Belding State Michigan  
Occupation Maintenance Man  
# Marathons - 0 Last Marathon - N/A  
Best Marathon Finish - N/A  
Attraction to the Marathon: The Challenge  
Racing Achievements: N/A

Sponsors: Gerow Management; West Michigan Eye Care

Paddler #2 Mark Noorman Age 35  
Hometown Cedar Springs State Michigan  
Occupation Firefighter  
# Marathons - 1 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 58th  
Attraction to the Marathon: The Challenge  
Racing Achievements: N/A

## CANOE #90

Paddler #1 Robert Smith Age 28  
Hometown Roscommon State Michigan  
Occupation Service Manager  
# Marathons - 5 Last Marathon - 2001  
Best Marathon Finish - 35th  
Attraction to the Marathon: Challenge and the people.  
Racing Achievements: 4th Place finish Iceman- single speed class; 1st @ Bush Bash Adventure Race Fall 2000; many ski and bike races

Sponsors: The Bicycle Shop of Grayling

Paddler #2 Jason Snell Age 31  
Hometown Gaylord State Michigan  
Occupation N/A  
# Marathons - 2 Last Marathon - 2000  
Best Marathon Finish - 16:43  
Attraction to the Marathon: N/A  
Racing Achievements: N/A

## CANOE #167

Paddler #1 Rodney Halstead Age 17  
Hometown Grayling State Michigan  
Occupation Student  
# Marathons 0 Last Marathon N/A  
Best Marathon Finish - N/A  
Attraction to the Marathon: To show people that although it may be a challenge, it can be done.  
Racing Achievements - MCRA Races

Sponsors: McClain & Son Construction; Diamond H Quarter Horse Farm

Paddler #2 Ryan Halstead Age 15  
Hometown Grayling State Michigan  
Occupation Student  
# Marathons 0 Last Marathon N/A  
Best Marathon Finish - N/A  
Attraction to the Marathon: The Challenge  
Racing Achievements: MCRA Races



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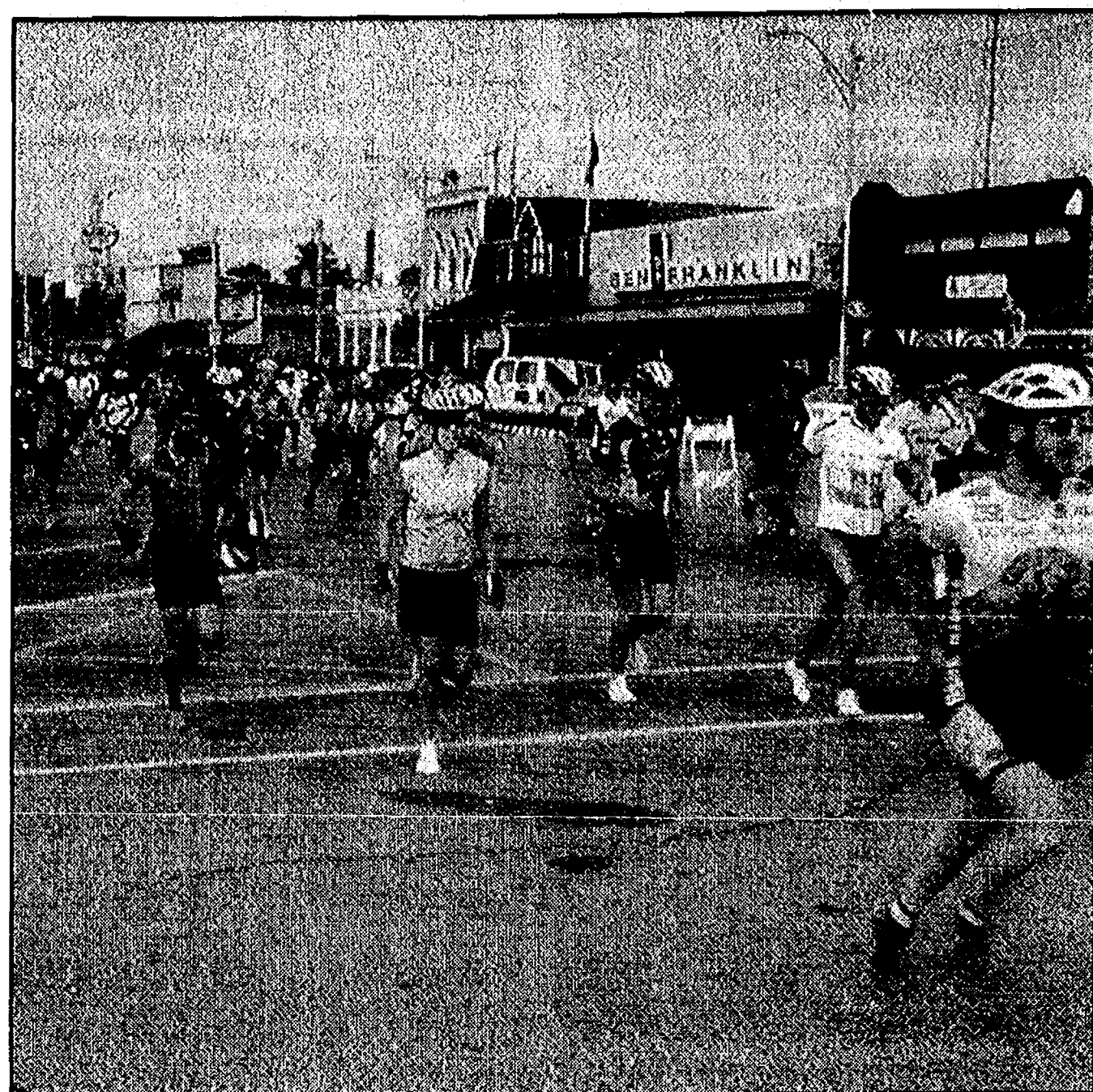


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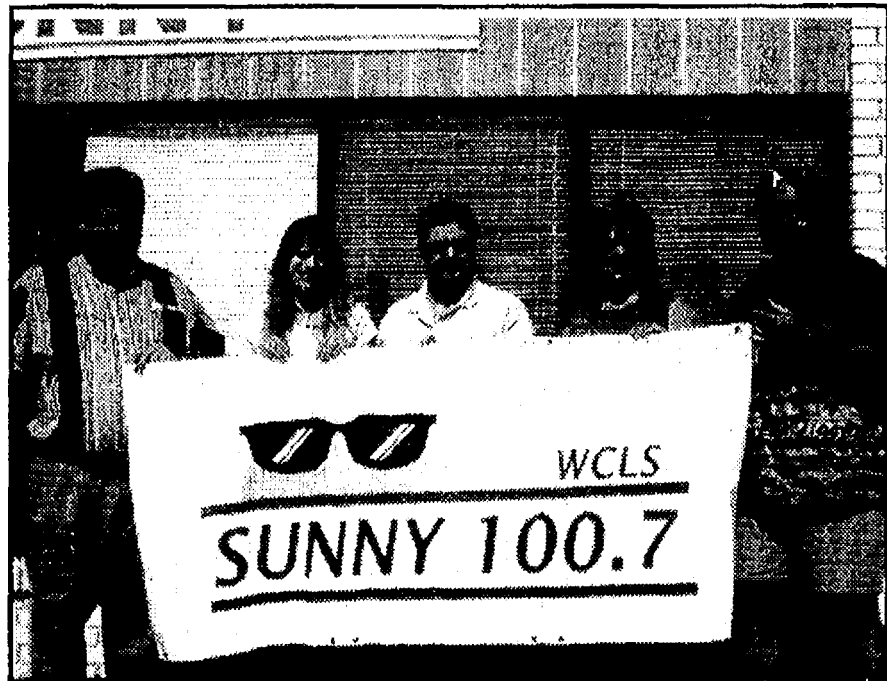


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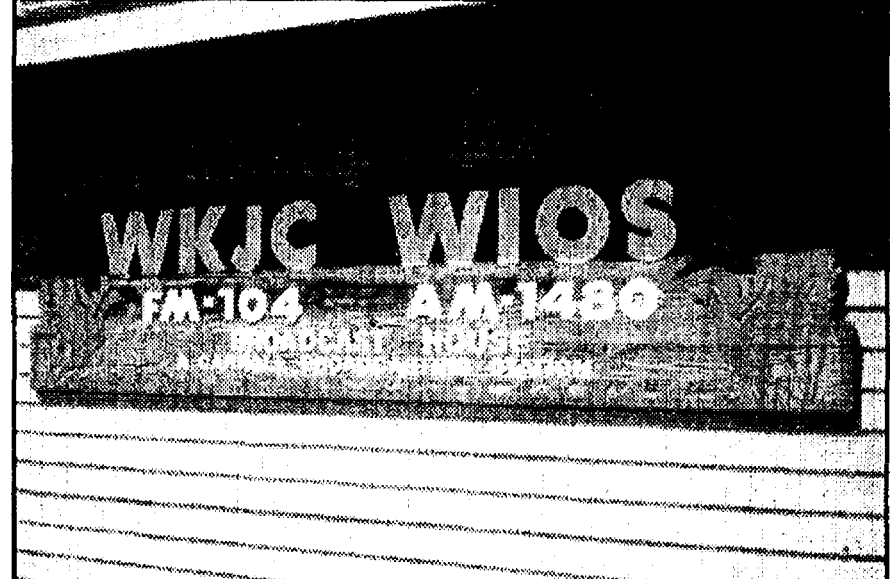


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